**I Want to Know Christ**

(What is my master passion and life goal?)

Philippians 3:1-11

Key Verse 3:10 “I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.”

1. In what respect is rejoicing in the Lord a safeguard in relation to legalism? What warning did Paul give them? (2)

2. For what reasons could Paul have been confident in the flesh? (4-6) What human credentials do people today have confidence in?

3. How had Paul’s value system changed? (7) Why did he consider his past advantages as “loss”/“garbage”? (8) What does “the surpassing worth of knowing Christ” mean? (John 17:3; Romans 7:24-25)

4. What was Paul’s master passion? (10) What does “to know Christ” mean? Why did he want to know “the power of his resurrection”? (Romans 6:4,8-9)

5. What is the significance of participating in Christ’s sufferings? (10b-11; Mark 8:31,34) What do you learn from Paul’s master passion that applies to your practical life and ministry?