



JESUS CHRIST IS THE GREATEST

“Christ is a jewel worth more than a thousand worlds, as all know who have Him. Get Him and get all. Miss Him and miss all.”

– Thomas Brooks
(1608-1680)

PRINCIPLES FROM PHILIPPIANS 3:7-14

Resulting from repentance of my sin and faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ, imputed righteousness is the basis for my reconciled relationship with God.

IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS

For our sake God the Father made Jesus Christ to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Christ we might become the righteousness of God.

– 2 Corinthians 5:21

PRINCIPLES FROM PHILIPPIANS 3:7-14

My pursuit of Christ is the natural response to Christ's sovereign capture of my heart.

SOVEREIGN GRACE

“I never had the experience of looking for God. It was the other way around. He was the hunter. I was the deer. He stalked me, took unerring aim and fired.”

– C.S. Lewis
(1898-1963)







**PRINCIPLES FROM
PHILIPPIANS 3:7-14**

What is ahead of us
is greater than what is behind us.

BLUE SKIES AHEAD

“I have an almost complete disregard of precedent, (but I have) a faith in the possibility of something better. It irritates me to be told how things have always been done. I defy the tyranny of precedent. I go for anything new that might improve the past.”

– Clara Barton
(1821-1912)

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PHILIPPIANS 3:7-14**

The reward, prize and goal
of the Christian life is Christ.

CHRIST IS THE REWARD

Delight yourself in the LORD,
and He will give you
the desires of your heart.

– Psalm 37:4

CHRIST IS THE REWARD

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

– Hebrews 11:6

FOR THE WIN

How do I embrace Christ in this way?

HOW DO I EMBRACE CHRIST IN THIS WAY?

1. Place no confidence in your status and accomplishments. (V 4)
2. See your status and accomplishments as garbage compared to Christ. (VV 7-8)
3. Value knowing Jesus Christ in a personal, ongoing, experiential way over everything. (V 8)

HOW DO I EMBRACE CHRIST IN THIS WAY?

4. Instead of hoping in your own sincerity and efforts, rely on Jesus' perfect life and sacrificial death to make you right with God. (V9)
5. Take courage that the power that raised Christ from the dead is the same power God is funneling into your life. (V10)

HOW DO I EMBRACE CHRIST IN THIS WAY?

6. Expect and welcome trials,
because becoming like Jesus
includes suffering like Jesus . (V10)

SHARE HIS SUFFERINGS

“God had one Son on earth without sin,
but never one without suffering.”

– Augustine
(354-430)

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7. Possess the type of sanctified discontentment with your own spiritual progress that propels you into an ongoing, relentless pursuit of Christ. (VV 12-14)

THE PURSUIT OF GOD

“I want deliberately to encourage this mighty longing after God....The stiff and wooden quality about our religious lives is a result of our lack of holy desire. Complacency is a deadly foe of all spiritual growth. Acute desire must be present or there will be no manifestation of Christ to His people. He waits to be wanted.”

— A.W. Tozer
(1897-1963)