



## What Jesus Means To Me Part 2 – Jesus Christ, My Sufficiency

*Philippians 3:1-14*

### The Big Idea

Jesus Christ alone is the \_\_\_\_\_ one who will invade the deepest recesses of the human heart, and literally take up residence within our very selves. Jesus Christ is the one who turns us from the emptiness and destruction of sin towards abundant life found only in Him and His righteousness. He then becomes what we most long for, and through His divine presence and power, he, "...has granted to us everything pertaining to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_..." (2 Peter 1:3).

### **True Sufficiency is not \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 1-9)**

Christians should be the most \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ people on the planet because we recognize that our true net worth is based on the \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness of Jesus Christ, accessed through faith, untouched by market volatility, and insured by the eternal God Himself!

### **True Sufficiency is realized through \_\_\_\_\_ Christ (vv. 10-11)**

*"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, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead."* (Philippians 3:10-11 NIV)

Two Greek verbs for knowing:

- *Oida*: to know \_\_\_\_\_
- *Ginosko*: to know \_\_\_\_\_ (the word Paul uses to identify his longing for Jesus Christ!)

*"If you really knew [ginosko] me, you would know [oida] my Father as well. From now on, you do know [ginosko] him and have seen him."* (John 14:7 NIV)

We cannot intimately know Christ without coming face to face with our \_\_\_\_\_ and what it did to Christ!

*"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."* (2Corinthians 5:21 NIV)

The just, Jesus Christ, exchanged His \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the unjust.

### **True Sufficiency is attained through \_\_\_\_\_ consistency (vv. 12-14)**

*"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 3:12-14 NIV)

The outcome of the entire good work that Christ is doing in us is \_\_\_\_\_!

*"being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 1:6 NIV)

The process of reaching the heavenward calling in Christ Jesus is seen as doing "\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_" which as the apostle tells us is to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

Forget What?

- Our \_\_\_\_\_
- Our \_\_\_\_\_

There is no such thing as spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ in the word of God. If we are still alive, we are to still press on!

When Paul says, *I press on toward the goal*, he uses the word picture of a hunter stalking his prey and is focused and undistracted, listening, watching, and always \_\_\_\_\_.

### **True Sufficiency is \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 20-21)**

*"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body."* (Philippians 3:20-21 NIV)

This my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, is what we are striving, stretching and pressing for; this is the ultimate sufficiency of our existence. Only in Jesus Christ is the knowledge of who we are and what we need truly evident. Please join me as we bask in the all sufficiency of our Lord Jesus Christ!