

Paul & the Pastor's Heart: *Pursuing Christ*

Week of August 17, 2025

Philippians 3-4

- 1. Our Priorities Change (3:7-9)**
- 2. We Pursue Christ (3:10-14)**
- 3. We Praise Ceaselessly (4:4-9)**

Read Philippians 3:7-9

What does Paul mean when he refers to the things he once considered gain as loss for the sake of Christ?

How can we identify and let go of things in our lives that are hindering our relationship with Christ?

Read Philippians 3:10-14

What does it mean to know Christ and the power of His resurrection on a personal level?

In what specific ways can you actively pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus in your daily life?

Read Philippians 4:4-9

How does Paul's command to always rejoice challenge our typical responses to life's difficulties?

What are some practical ways you can incorporate prayer and thanksgiving into your routine to foster a spirit of rejoicing?

For Further Consideration and Application:

Why is there such a deep connection between knowing Christ and experiencing unexplainable peace?

What are some potential distractions in your life that prevent you from focusing on what is true, honorable, and praiseworthy?

Prayer Prompt:

Praise Him for the gift of salvation and the eternal relationship we can have with Christ. Pray for a deeper desire to know Christ intimately and pursue Him with passion in every aspect of your life. Praise God for His peace, and ask Him to help you cultivate a thankful heart, even amid challenges.