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Christ our Treasure: The Power of the Resurrection

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Text

Philippians 3:7-11

Main Point

Jesus Christ is our treasure who brings great blessings through his life, death and resurrection.

Key Ideas

Here are three blessings that come to those who gain Christ:

- Acceptance with God
Apart from Christ there is only judgment and wrath and condemnation and guilt. But if Christ is ours, all of this is removed, and all of his perfect righteousness is ours in their place.
- Power for a difficult life
There is a resurrection power that we experience in our lives that comes through knowing Christ. This is 1) the power of God for spiritual change in our sin and 2) the power of God for spiritual endurance in our suffering.
- Hope for the future
The best part of knowing Christ has to do with the future. Suffering with Christ is the prelude to being glorified with Christ.

Fellowship Starters

Treasure - Application to stir our love for Christ?

1. These three blessings cover all our needs from this moment on through eternity. We are completely supplied with acceptance, power and eternal life. Stop to consider just how indescribably rich you are! And then in song, prayer and sheer wonder treasure the One who has given it all.

Grow - Application to stir our obedience to Christ

2. Think about the alternative sources of acceptance, power and hope to which you sometimes turn in life. What is the biblical term for such God-substitutes? During this Resurrection Sunday week, why not confess your misplaced faith and ask Jesus to show himself to be all you need, like never before?

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3. What is a trial or temptation you are facing that is tempting you to doubt the sufficiency of God's power. Then think about the powerful resurrection of Christ through which all the powers of death and hell were defeated. How weak is your trial or temptation compared to the powers of hell that tried to keep Jesus dead? And how great must be the resurrection power that defeated hell? That power is yours in Christ: live in the good of it today!

Proclaim - Application to stir our witness for Christ

4. Today's outline suggests a wonderful series of questions we can use as conversation starters with unbelievers: "Would you like acceptance with God?", "Do you ever wish you had power for life?", or "Do you have hope for your future?" Why not try them out this week?