

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE  
**ONE WITH CHRIST**  
**IN HIS SUFFERINGS & RESURRECTION**  
**Philippians 3:10,11**

**Introduction:** Review – Paul’s very personal testimony in Philippians 3 is presented as a model for his readers and us (e.g. 3:17) - as to:  
(1) the all sufficient Christ to save sinners by His righteousness bestowed on faith, and  
(2) the nature of the Christian life as fellowship with Christ in His resurrection and His sufferings & death (v.10) – **today’s focus.**

**1. Paul’s great desire – to know Christ in His resurrection power & in the fellowship of His sufferings & death**

To be “in Christ” & to “know Him” is bound up in knowing both His resurrection power and His sufferings as part of our own experience.

The order is important:

Not – suffer now (if need be), and *then* resurrection,  
as in Romans 8:9-11, 8:17 – suffering & death here & now,  
future resurrection from death when Christ returns.

In Philippians 3:10,11 Paul adds depth & complexity:

Resurrection power NOW & suffering/death NOW (v.10) –  
-> future resurrection from the dead (vs.11).

**2. Cautions**

- a. Against unwholesome glorification of suffering & death
- b. Against unbiblical triumphalism

**3. Then what does Paul mean?**

Look at another very personal testimony of Paul’s in **2 Corinthians 4** – where the elements of Philippians 3:10 are unpacked and laid out for us to see more fully.

Vv.6 & 7 – the glory of the gospel & the weakness of its recipients –  
Why? to show that the power is from God, not from us.

Illustrated in the paradoxical pairings in vv. 8-10.

- afflicted in every way – BUT NOT crushed
- perplexed – BUT NOT despairing
- persecuted – BUT NOT forsaken
- struck down – BUT NOT destroyed

- summed up by vs.10: At one and the same time, in our bodies we carry the death of Jesus & manifest the life of Jesus.

Believers in Christ experience the power of His resurrection, not in a triumphant immunity to the marks of our fallen mortality, but in the strength the Spirit gives to experience affliction, sorrow, & death in enduring faith & joyful expectation of all that Christ has promised.

This is crucial to our testimony to world around us.