

“How much is knowing Jesus worth?”

(Philippians 3:7-8)

Knowing Jesus

- According to the Bible, to become a Christian means to “**know**” Jesus Christ.
- Knowing someone ≠ Knowing about someone
- In the Bible, knowing someone means to have a close, personal **relationship**.

Review of 9/28/14 message:

- Knowing Jesus is **not** the most important thing in life.
- Knowing Jesus **is** life.
- “*Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.*” (John 17:3, NIV)

Value of knowing Jesus

- “*More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ [...]*” (Philippians 3:8, NASB)
- Compared to knowing Jesus, **all things** are **rubbish**.
- **All things** means **all** things.
- **Rubbish** means things despised and not worthy of even considering.

Background of the letter to the Philippians

- In Philippi, Paul had been beaten and imprisoned for “knowing Jesus” and living for Him. (Acts 16:23-24)
- When Paul was writing this letter to the Philippians, he was in prison in Rome, for “knowing Jesus”!
- Paul still gladly said “knowing Jesus Christ is everything to me”!

Q: Is knowing Jesus worth that much? Is Jesus that worthy?