

## **Attaining the Resurrection Philippians 3:1-11**

**Main Idea: A Christian is one who puts all his/her confidence in the resurrected Lord Jesus. Christians long to know Jesus and to experience the power of His resurrection. We look to Jesus for new life now and resurrection for our future.**

**The Futility of False Confidence: Admitting our inability to reverse the curse.**

*“Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—” (Romans 5:12 [ESV](#))*

Truth: Every evil thing . . . every despairing thing . . . every suffering thing that we experience in our lives and in the world has one source . . . sin. God in His goodness is not the source of these terrible realities. Sin is the fountainhead of all man’s troubles. We are the source of our own sadnesses.

Truth: We need rescue and any confidence we place in our self will keep us from God’s rescue.

**The Joy of Gospel Confidence: Knowing Jesus, the resurrected Messiah.**

Truth: Knowing Jesus in our personal experience is the CENTER of Christianity.

Knowing Jesus means that we draw near to Him in our sorrows.  
Knowing Jesus means that we talk with Him when we do not know what to do.  
Knowing Jesus means that we listen as He speaks promises to us in our despair.  
Knowing Jesus means that we have light even when darkness descends upon us.  
Knowing Jesus means that we are never ever alone.  
Knowing Jesus means that we find Him more and more lovely every day.  
Knowing Jesus means that we hear Him convicts us when we go astray.  
Knowing Jesus means that we weep in His arms when our heart is broken.  
Knowing Jesus means that we forever learn more of His infinite qualities.  
Knowing Jesus means that we sing His praises even in trials.  
Knowing Jesus means that we daily experience His eternal, unfading love.

*“This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” John 17:3*

*All I once held dear, built my life upon*

*All this world reveres, and wars to own  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss  
Spent and worthless now, compared to this  
Knowing You, Jesus  
Knowing You  
There is no greater thing  
You're my all, You're the best  
You're my joy, my righteousness  
And I love You, Lord  
--Graham Kendrick*

### **The Gain of Gospel Confidence: Attaining the resurrection from the dead.**

Truth: Jesus' past resurrection guarantees our future resurrection.

Truth: We come to know Jesus by an act of faith. We come to know Him more and more by a life of faith.

Our knowledge of Jesus brings us His perfect righteousness.  
Our knowledge of Jesus brings us freedom from God's future judgment.  
Our knowledge of Jesus brings us the right to be called God's children.  
Our knowledge of Jesus brings us the power to live more like Jesus.  
Our knowledge of Jesus brings us the sufferings of Jesus.  
Our knowledge of Jesus brings us the future glory of Jesus.  
Our knowledge of Jesus brings us the resurrection of our body.

*For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep . . . For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.”  
(1 Thessalonians 4:14-18 [ESV](#))*

*Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”” (John 11:25-26 [ESV](#))*