

Ginosko

The Intimacy of Knowing

. . . that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death . . .

Philippians 3:10

Best of the Best

If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the **knowledge** of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may **know** Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:4b-11

The Exchange for Rubbish

Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as **rubbish**, that I may gain Christ

Philippians 3:8

σκύβαλον **skybalon** – dung / rubbish – any refuse, as the excrement of animals, offscourings, rubbish, dregs; of things worthless and detestable

Knowing Greek

1. **Gnostos** – facts, information, data (where we get the word gnostic)

[Peter speaking of Judas]: Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. And it became **known** to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.

Act 1:18-19

2. **Oida** – understanding, perception, "I see"

Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not **know** where You are going, and how can we **know** the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 14:5-6

3. **Ginosko** – knowledge but found through experience or relationship, an intimate understanding

Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not **know** a man?"

Luke 1:34

Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not **know** her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

Matthew 1:24-25

[Jesus' High Priestly Prayer]: And this is eternal life, that they may **know** You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

John 17:3

Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never **knew** you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Matthew 7:21-23

4. **Epiginosko** – an elevated form of ginosko

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I **know** [ginosko] in part, but then I shall **know** [epiginosko] just as I also am **known** [epiginosko].

1 Corinthians 13:12

Paul's Passion

Newspaper vs. Intimacy

Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the **knowledge** of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ . . .

Philippians 3:8

. . . [my passion, focus, desire is] that I may **know** Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death

Philippians 3:10

Mistaken

By Warren Barfield

(Verse 1)

I shouldn't have to tell you who I am
Cause who I am should be speaking for itself

Cause if I am who I, I want to be
Then who you see won't even be me
Oh the more and more I disappear
The more He becomes clear

(Chorus)

Till everyone I talk to hears His voice
And everyone I touch feels the warmth of His hand
Till everyone I meet
Sees Jesus in me
This is all I wanna be
I want to be mistaken for Jesus

(Bridge)

May He touch with my hands
See through my eyes
May He speak through my lips
Live through my life

The Outside God Getting Inside

As a hand in a glove

The Christian life can be explained only in terms of Jesus Christ, and if your life as a Christian can still be explained in terms of you – *your* personality, *your* willpower, *your* gift, *your* talent, *your* money, *your* courage, *your* scholarship, *your* dedication, *your* sacrifice, or *your* anything – than although you may have the Christian life, you are not yet living it! If the way you live your life as a Christian can be explained in terms of you, what have you to offer to the man who lives next door? The way he lives his life can be explained in terms of him, and so far as he is concerned, you happen to be “religious” – but he is not! “Christianity” may be your hobby, but it is not his, and there is nothing about the way you practice it which strikes him as at all remarkable! There is nothing about you which leaves him guessing, and nothing commendable of which he does not feel himself equally

capable without the inconvenience of becoming a Christian! ... It has got to become obvious to others that the kind of life you are living is ... beyond all human explanation! That it is beyond the consequences of man's capacity to imitate, and however little they may understand this, it is clearly the consequence only of God's capacity to reproduce **Himself** in you!

Ian Thomas

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