



WHAT IS YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE?

Philippians 3:4-11



What is your goal in life?

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<sup>4</sup> though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee;

# Philippians 3:4-11

<sup>6</sup> as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

<sup>7</sup> But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ

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<sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

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<sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

A person wearing a white climbing helmet, a yellow jacket, and a climbing harness with gear is seen from behind, looking out over a vast mountain range. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and lens flare effects across the sky. The mountains are partially covered in snow, and the sky is filled with scattered clouds. A red water bottle is visible in the person's gear.

Paul's previous goal

# Paul's new goal- to know Christ


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-Greek "skubala"

A person wearing a white climbing helmet, a black jacket, and a climbing harness with ropes is standing on a mountain peak. They are looking out over a vast, hazy landscape of mountains and valleys. The sun is high in the sky, creating a bright lens flare and casting a long shadow of the person onto the ground. The sky is blue with some white clouds.

Westminster shorter confession-  
"man's chief end is to glorify God and  
enjoy Him forever."

# John 17:3

A person wearing a helmet and climbing gear is seen from behind, looking out over a vast mountain range under a dramatic, sunset sky. The scene is silhouetted against the bright light of the setting sun, creating a contemplative and majestic atmosphere.


<sup>3</sup> Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

# Jeremiah 9:23-24

<sup>23</sup> This is what the LORD says:

“Let not the wise boast of their wisdom  
or the strong boast of their strength  
or the rich boast of their riches,


<sup>24</sup> but let the one who boasts boast about this:  
that they have the understanding to know me,  
that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness,  
justice and righteousness on earth,  
for in these I delight,”  
declares the LORD.

A person wearing a white climbing helmet, a yellow jacket, and a climbing harness with ropes and a red water bottle is standing on a rocky mountain peak. They are looking out over a vast mountain range with snow patches under a bright blue sky with scattered clouds and a sunburst effect from the rising sun.

What does it mean to know God?

A person wearing a white climbing helmet, a yellow jacket, and a climbing harness with ropes and gear is seen from behind, standing on a rocky mountain peak. The person is looking out over a vast mountain range under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a lens flare effect. A red water bottle is visible in the person's gear.

# Hungering for the Bible

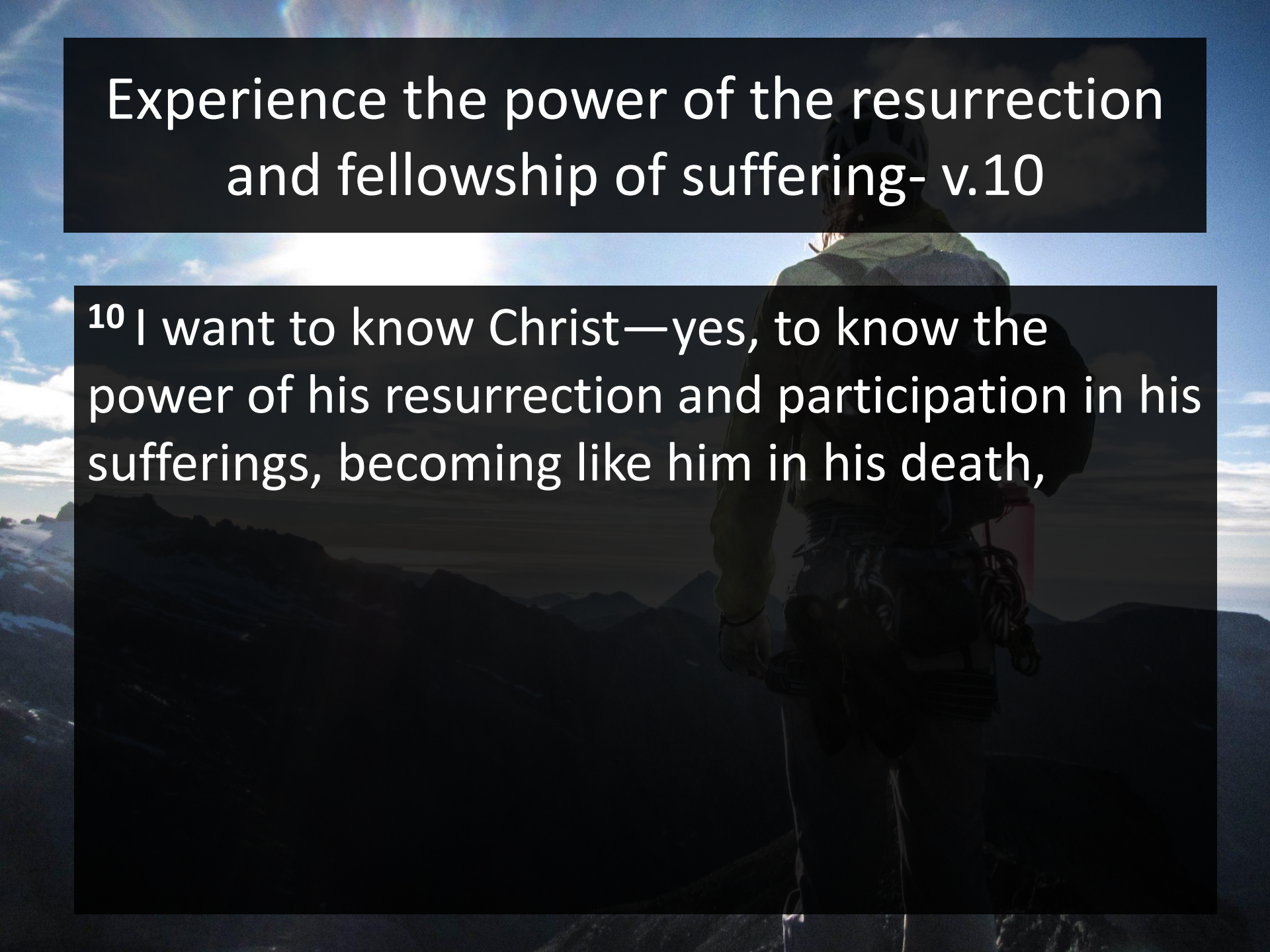
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Knowledge via experience- Greek  
"ginosko"

# Have the righteousness of Christ- v.9

<sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.



A person wearing a dark winter jacket and a hat stands on a mountain peak, looking out over a vast, hazy landscape. The sky is bright with some clouds, and the sun is visible in the upper left. The person's shadow is cast on the ground in front of them.

Experience the power of the resurrection  
and fellowship of suffering- v.10

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Understand knowing God is limitless

A person wearing a white climbing helmet and a yellow jacket is seen from behind, looking out over a vast mountain range. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and lens flare effects in the blue sky. The person is standing on a rocky ridge, and the landscape below is filled with dark, rugged terrain and patches of snow.

# Application

What two things can I do to know God better?