

**Devotional from Pastor Ho**  
**April 7, 2021**

**Philippians 3:10-11**, *“that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.”*

Last week we meditated on Paul’s statement, “Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord” (3:8a), which he further elaborates. “The surpassing worth of knowing Christ” is “that I may gain Christ and be found in him” (3:8b-9a) and “that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, ...that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead” (3:10-11).

For Paul, to know Christ is to know the power of his resurrection, because the Christ he knew was the resurrected Christ, who appeared to him on the road to Damascus and commissioned him to be the apostle. Paul might or might not have seen Christ in person before the latter’s crucifixion, which is not a clear inference in itself from 2 Cor 5:16b (“Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer”). To regard Christ according to the flesh most likely refers to an unbeliever’s knowledge of Christ.

Now that Paul no longer regards Christ according to the flesh, he regards him according to his power of resurrection, in order to apply such power to his own life (“by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead”). Biblical scholar G. K. Beale argues that the resurrection of Christ inaugurates the new creation. We could then understand Paul’s desire to attain the resurrection from the dead implies having put his old self to death with Christ, and he is now jumping on the bandwagon of the new creation. As such, we are exhorted to imitate Paul (“join in imitating me,” 3:17), and walk as new creation in Christ, counting everything as loss. Indeed, a tension emerges as we begin to adopt the new walk before the old is completely gone. Yet, Paul himself admits that he himself is still a work in progress, but with the indisputable guarantee that “Christ Jesus has made me his own” (3:12). The other alternative is to walk as enemies of the cross, if our minds are set on earthly things (3:18-19).

**Prayer:** Lord, now that new creation has been inaugurated with your resurrection, help us to put our old self to die with you, so that we might be resurrected to new life in your new creation. Amen.

## 何牧師的靈修

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腓立比書 3 章 10-11 節：“不但如此，我也將萬事當作有損的，因我以認識我主基督耶穌為至寶。我為他已經丟棄萬事，看作糞土，為要得著基督。”

上週我們思考了保羅的聲明：“不但如此，我也將萬事當作有損的，因我以認識我主基督耶穌為至寶”（3:8a）。他繼續闡述“以認識我主基督耶穌為至寶，”即，“為要得著基督；並且得以在他裡面”（3:8b-9a）和“使我認識基督，曉得他復活的大能，…或者我也得以從死裡復活”（3:10-11）。

對保羅來說，認識基督就是認識他復活的大能，因為他所認識的基督是復活的基督，是那位在大馬色的路上向他顯現，並差遣他為使徒的。在基督被釘十字架之前，保羅可能見過，也可能沒見過基督本人，這在哥林多前書 5:16b（“雖然憑著外貌認過基督，如今卻不再這樣認他了。”）並不能明確地推論出來。憑著外貌認過基督只是表明不信者對基督的認識。

如今保羅不再憑著外貌認基督，他憑著復活的大能認基督，為了讓這大能進入他的生命（“或者我也得以從死裡復活”）。聖經學者 Beale 說，基督的復活拉開了新創造的序幕。這樣我們可以理解保羅想得以從死裡復活的願望是意味著他已經將自己的老我與基督一同釘死了，現在他正要趕上新創造的潮流。因此，我們被鼓勵效法保羅（“要一同效法我，” 3:17），並行事為人作為基督里新造的人，將萬事當著有損的。確實，當我們在舊的創造完全消失之前開始採用新的行事為人，緊張局勢會出現。然而，保羅自己也承認他仍在竭力追求，但有無可置疑的保證，就是“基督耶穌已經得著了我”（3:12）。如果我們以地上的事為念，另一個選擇就是以十字架的仇敵行事（3:18-19）。

禱告：主啊，如今你的復活已經掀開了新創造的序幕，求你幫助我們把老我好你一同釘死，讓我們可以在你的新創造裡復活過新生命。阿門。

## 何牧师的灵修

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腓立比书 3 章 10-11 节：“使我认识基督，晓得他复活的大能，并且晓得和他一同受苦，效法他的死，或者我也得以从死里复活。”

上周我们思考了保罗的声明：“不但如此，我也将万事当作有损的，因我以认识我主基督耶稣为至宝”（3:8a）。他继续阐述“以认识我主基督耶稣为至宝，”即，“为要得着基督；并且得以在他里面”（3:8b-9a）和“使我认识基督，晓得他复活的大能，…或者我也得以从死里复活”（3:10-11）。

对保罗来说，认识基督就是认识他复活的大能，因为他所认识的基督是复活的基督，是那位在大马色的路上向他显现，并差遣他为使徒的。在基督被钉十字架之前，保罗可能见过，也可能没见过基督本人，这在哥林多前书 5:16b（“虽然凭着外貌认过基督，如今却不再这样认他了。”）并不能明确地推论出来。凭着外貌认过基督只是表明不信者对基督的认识。

如今保罗不再凭着外貌认基督，他凭着复活的大能认基督，为了让这大能进入他的生命（“或者我也得以从死里复活”）。圣经学者 Beale 说，基督的复活拉开了新创造的序幕。这样我们可以理解保罗想得以从死里复活的愿望是意味着他已经将自己的老我与基督一同钉死了，现在他正要赶上新创造的潮流。因此，我们被鼓励效法保罗（“要一同效法我，” 3:17），并行事为人作为基督里新造的人，将万事当作有损的。确实，当我们在旧的创造完全消失之前开始采用新的行事为人，紧张局势会出现。然而，保罗自己也承认他仍在竭力追求，但有无可置疑的保证，就是“基督耶稣已经得着了”（3:12）。如果我们以地上的事为念，另一个选择就是以十字架的仇敌行事（3:18-19）。

祷告：主啊，如今你的复活已经掀开了新创造的序幕，求你帮助我们吧老我好你一同钉死，让我们可以在你的新创造里复活过新生命。阿门。