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CHURCH OF GOD

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THEME: MAKING GOD OUR PRIORITY

TEXT: PHILIPPIAN 3:7-11

- The good news that those who suffer for Christ will attain the resurrection from the dead and the power of his resurrection will be to share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.

There is nothing on this earth more valuable, than knowing Jesus Christ as your Lord and savior.

- It only by knowing and accepting Christ as our personal saviour can we obtain salvation.

-Imagine a boat loaded with valuable goods is crossing the sea when a great storm comes up the boat begin to sink

- What must the sailors do to be saved from this situation?

- They must throw all those valuable goods over board to reduce the weight of the boat and save their lives.

-Goods are valuable, but because we need to save the life, we have to through them out.

-In the same way Paul had to throw overboard all his old religious goods, such as his Jewish background, his circumcision and his legalistic righteousness for the sake of Christ. Vs.6

-Paul has lost all things so that he may gain Christ and be saved.

Jesus told two parables of men who sold everything they had In order to buy nothing but buy something greater value

Matthew 13:44-45.

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— This greater and valuable thing was Jesus.

- Knowing God is more important than wisdom, strength or riches.

People admire these three things more than God.

- We tend to admire three qualities than knowing who the creator of these things is.

- We also admire those who are

physically gifted in different ways, and have great wealth.

-Jeremiah 9:23-24 Says none of those are great important but what matters is understanding and knowing the covenant of God who delights in kindness justice and righteousness's.

-Paul does not want a righteousness that comes from law Galatians 2;15-16 but what comes from God by faith Roman 1;17 ,3;21-24.

The true righteousness is a gift from God.It is given to us by the grace of God 2;8-9.

- Believers are not only called to seek righteousness but also to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.

- Believers needs to seek to know Christ personally and desire to dwell in him John 15:5

-Paul says that we were buried into his death and raise with him that we may have a new life Roman 6;4 ;11 Ephesians 2;4-6

-we have to desire to be like Jesus by allowing our old sinful self to be crucified with Christ Romans 6;6 , Galatians 2;20 ,5;24.

- We should be ready in every day's life to die with Christ. 1 Cor 15; 31 ,2 Cor 4; 1 0-11. We should be ready to lose our lives for Jesus sake Mark 8:34-35.

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