

Sermon Series by

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He who abides in Me...

bears much fruit.

John 15:5



*Plant City's First Baptist Church desires to
'bear lasting fruit' by leading people to ...*

- *Know Christ,*
- *Grow in Christ, and*
- *Show Christ's love*



 *Plant City's*
First Baptist Church

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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 3:7-11

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"For my determined purpose is that I may know Him (that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly), and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection which it exerts over believers,

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and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed in spirit into His likeness even to His death, in the hope that if possible I may attain to the spiritual and moral resurrection that lifts me out from among the dead even while in the body.”

Philippians 3:10-11 (The Amplified Bible)





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1. Knowing Christ's Person.

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a. Knowing Him Intimately.

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a. Knowing Him Intimately.

b. Knowing Him Experientially.

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2. Knowing Christ's Resurrection Power.

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a. Over the Past.

"And you He made alive,
who were dead in trespasses and sins."

Ephesians 2:1



2. Knowing Christ's Resurrection Power.

b. For the Present.

"Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

Romans 6:4



2. Knowing Christ's Resurrection Power.

b. For the Future.

"But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

Romans 8:11





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3. Knowing Christ's Passion of Suffering.

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a. Jesus calls us to Suffer with Him.



3. Knowing Christ's Passion of Suffering.

a. Knowing Him Intimately.

b. Jesus calls us to Identify with His suffering.



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b. Jesus calls us to Identify with His suffering.

c. Jesus calls us to be Conformed to His sufferings.





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4. Knowing Christ's Potential in life.

"So whatever it takes,
I will be one who lives in the fresh newness of life
of those who are alive from the dead."

Philippians 3:11 (The Living Bible)



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