

RELENTLESS PURSUIT

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Morning Sermon by Ray Reynolds on April 23, 2017

Text: **Philippians 3:5-11**

Introduction: Everyone wants to offer wisdom, but few will take it! The apostle Paul is a notable exception. He considers all his earthly accomplishments as “rubbish” or garbage. He had a relentless pursuit for God’s will. He simply wanted to know Christ and everything that comes along with that knowledge. Let’s study his words together...

Discussion:

I. “I Want”

- Matthew 6:33, 7:7, Luke 9:23-27, Romans 16:19

II. “To Know Christ”

- Matthew 4:19, I Corinthians 12:1, Ephesians 4:13, II Peter 3:18

III. “And The Power of His Rising”

- Ephesians 1:18-20, 3:20-21, Philippians 3:20-21, Colossians 2:12-13

IV. “Share In His Suffering”

- Matthew 5:10-12, 16:24, II Timothy 3:12, I Peter 4:1-2

V. “Conform To His Death”

- Matthew 20:22-23, Acts 9:1-19, Romans 6:1-16, Philippians 1:21

Conclusion: **Philippians 3:11** says, “*When I pour out my life, to be filled with His Spirit, joy follows suffering, and life follows death.*” Paul was in a relentless pursuit for the will of God! What he discovered was that joy and contentment can only be found in Christ (**II Timothy 4:6-8**). When we do the will of God we will not have to worry about trials, temptations, and suffering (**Romans 8:31**). We will have eternal life! If you lack that joy, or if you are not saved, you need to make the changes now!