

**SERMON DATE:** April 25, 2021

**SERMON SERIES:** The Power of His Resurrected Life

**SERMON TITLE:** The Power of “But”

## SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

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Philippians 3:7-16

<sup>7</sup> But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I count all things to be loss<sup>in view</sup> of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, <sup>9</sup> and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith, <sup>10</sup> that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; <sup>11</sup> <sup>[a]</sup>in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained *it* or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. <sup>13</sup> Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you; <sup>16</sup> however, let us keep living by that same *standard* to which we have attained.

## The Central Truth of Today’s Message

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Nothing compares to the surpassing value of knowing Christ, but intimacy with Christ demands intimacy with His suffering.

## *Lesson #1: Not treasures, but trash.*

*Philippians 3:7-8*

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### ***Observation #1:***

*Resurrection power demands that Christ is your life's priority.*

### ***Observation #2:***

*A heart hunger for Christ demands that you give up what you cannot keep to gain what you cannot lose.*

## *Lesson #2: Not practice, but position.*

*Philippians 3:9*

<sup>9</sup> and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith,

### ***Observation #3:***

*We have liberty in Christ because our love for Him controls us.*

## *Lesson #3: Not just salvation, but suffering as well.*

*Philippians 3:10-16*

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## SERMON NOTES

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***Observation #4:*** *If you desire to reign with Christ, you will also have to suffer with Him.*

***A Final Thought:***

***When God saves you from the penalty of sin, it is an event. When God saves you from the power of sin, it is a process and it does not come overnight.***