

## Philippians 3:10 “That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;”

This verse tells us there are three (The Chapter – 3) ways we might know Him better: through the power of his resurrection, the fellowship of his sufferings, and being made conformable unto his death.

To remember the verse, look at the first item: through the power (This makes me think of the power of 10 in Mathematics).

### THREE WAYS WE GET TO KNOW OUR LORD BETTER:

- 1) Through the power of His resurrection, we understand more fully our Lord and His great love towards us. The power of his resurrection gives us hope of Heaven. I personally look forward to meeting the One who has held my hand through this walk of life. I desire to give Him the biggest hug I can give and I want to lay my head against His chest like John. I want to sing praises to Him and see Him smile. I want to thank Him over and over again for all He has done for me. I also look forward to hugging my brother and kissing my father’s cheek once again. I want to sing “You are my sunshine” to my grandfather and grandmother. I want to meet those in my family who passed on before me. Oh, the power of His resurrection!
- 2) Through the fellowship of His sufferings, we understand more fully our Lord and His great love towards us. This verse helps us understand that pain and suffering experienced on earth is an opportunity to experience some of what Christ went through when He suffered the beatings and mockery before the cross and on the cross. Lord, may I have the right attitude when you allow pain and suffering to come to me. When it comes, let me accept it gratefully knowing that pain and suffering will draw me closer to You and let me simply know You better.
- 3) Being made conformable unto his death, we understand more fully our Lord and His great love towards us. I found it interesting that the word ‘conformable’ is found only in this verse. There are other verses which use the root word ‘conform’, but not this exact word. The definition for conformable is as follows:

*Having the same or similar manners, opinions or moral qualities.*

*Compliant, ready to follow directions, submissive, peaceable, disposed to obey.*

While God is changing me on earth, I become more like Him which helps me to know Him better! If I am compliant, ready to follow His directions and submit, He will draw me closer to Him. The closer you are to someone, the better you get acquainted with them.

**The more I know Him, the more I love Him.**

**The more I know Him, the more I want to serve Him.**

**The more I know Him, the more I long for Heaven.**