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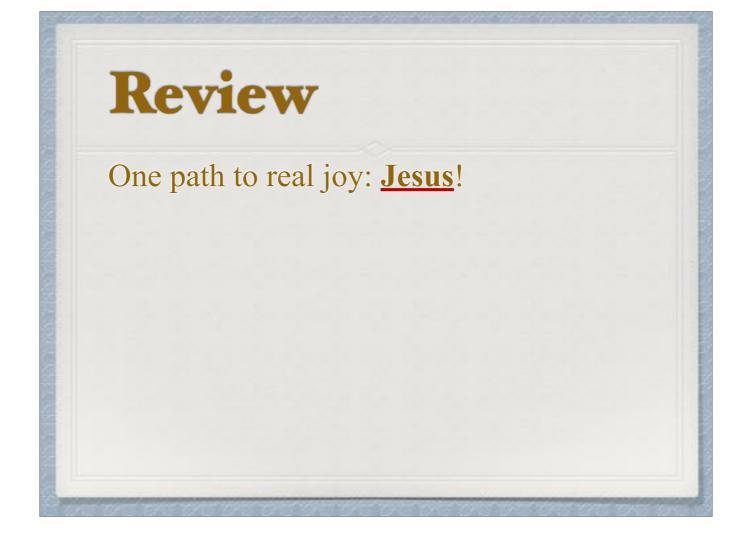
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Philippians 3:18b-19



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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.

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Philippians 3:12-14

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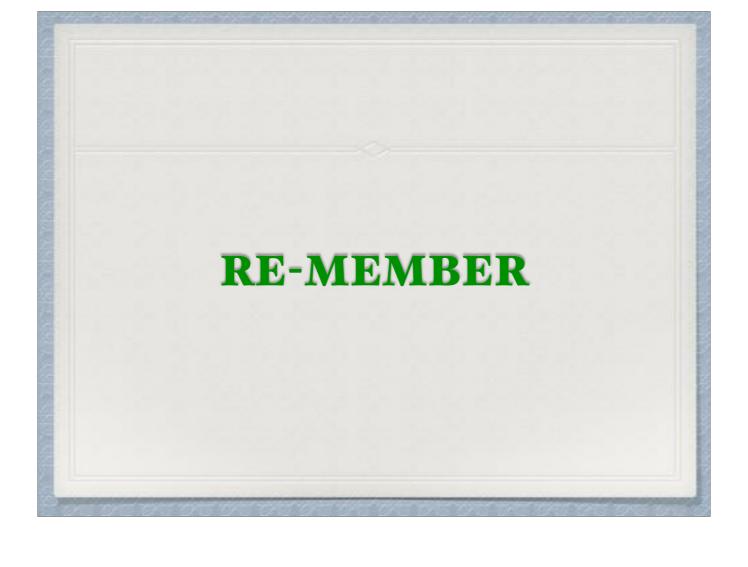
Know Him & Make Him Known

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Philippians 3:15a







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Philippians 3:16-17

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Imitate me, just as I also *imitate* Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1

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Philippians 3:12a

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Philippians 3:15b

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Philippians 3:20b-21a

He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6b

...we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

1 John 3:2b

I will be merciful . . . and their sins and their lawless deeds

I will remember no more.

Hebrews 8:12

For God is not unjust to **forget** your work and labor of love

Hebrews 6:10

