

# (Clip) Seeking to Know Jesus Christ Above All

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**Scripture:** Philippians 3:8, Revelation 2:4, Matthew 16:24, Galatians 1:10

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## Transcript

I want to ask you, my brothers and sisters, especially those of you who don't come with any gross sin, you got a good testimony, your conscience is clear most of the time, you don't do anything evil, you don't have any bitterness against anybody, and avoiding all evil, do you have a passionate longing for Jesus Christ? To be in His presence all the time, and that when you say, Lord, where are you? I seem to have lost you, that I must find Him. And he says, I sought Him, verse 2, but I didn't find Him. And then it speaks of the watchman, these are other believers who don't have that same passion, and he asks, have you seen Him my soul loves? They couldn't help.

And then I found Him, verse 4, and when I found Him, I held on to Him, and I would not let Him go. Yeah, that's a, Lord I want you more than anything else. It starts like that sometimes in our Christian life, but then a little later, things change.

We get a little reputation in the church, and once you get a little reputation in CFC, the great danger is you begin to slacken off. Mark my words, and ask yourself if that is not true. That when you had no reputation in CFC, you were just a nobody.

You really wanted Jesus, but now you have a sort of reputation in CFC, and you're not so passionate about having the presence of Jesus now, because you're somebody. You may not be an elder, but you're somebody. May God have mercy on you.

You've lost something, brother, sister. I never want a reputation in CFC. It has no interest for me.

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