

out in the words of Romans 10:9,10, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved: for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." In order to be saved one must believe that Jesus died and rose again. Paul not only emphasized this message in the earlier epistles, but also in the later ones. In Colossians 1:18 Paul speaks of Christ as "the firstborn from the dead" by virtue of His resurrection. Further on in the same epistle he writes, "If then ye were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God." (Colossians 3:1) Paul in writing to the Ephesians stresses the thought of God's power which was shown in the resurrection of Christ. "And what the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to that working of the strength of His might which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and made Him to sit at His right hand in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 1:19,20) Such great power as the resurrection of Christ revealed, Paul desired to know in a very special way. He longed to have that knowledge of Jesus in His death and resurrection. This fervent desire is expressed in the words of Philippians 3:10, "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of sufferings, becoming conformed unto His death."