

It was entirely different, so much was there to learn that they never dreamed of before. That is true of people in married. Even then they don't truly know. There are depths and aspects of personality in every human being that only God knows. We only know a certain amount about others. But to know Christ, the one who has infinite personality, the One who is the Second Person of the trinity and who was from all eternity. The one through whom God created all things, to know him is an ongoing blessed experience that can last forever. He wants us to make great progress in this life.

Of course we learn this through the Bible. Christ is not an abstraction. Christ is not an imaginary thing. Many people use the term Christ for all sorts of things. The modernists talk about Christ as if he were just a symbol for ethical value, or a symbol for social progress, or almost anything in the world they have in mind whom they call Christ.

But Christ is real. He's a Person. He's described in the Bible. To know Him we must study the Bible. There are many aspects we need to learn about Christ. Every word in the Gospel has a meaning for every Christian as he comes to know Christ better. And every word in every other portion of the Bible for all the Bible points to Christ who is the central figure. But Paul here stresses certain aspects about Christ that are particularly important. If we knew everything else about him and did not have these aspects we would have nothing. But we want these aspects and the others as well, but these are those which are most important.

That I may know Him and the POWER of His resurrection. The power of His resurrection. We must know the power if we are to be Christians. Christianity is not simply a philosophy. It's not simply a theory. Not simply an understanding about the universe. Christianity is a power, a dynamic. A force. This force was shown most strongly through the resurrection of Christ.

There has never been anything like it in history. That One who was absolutely dead, really dead, was raised up to newness of life through this power. There is no other power like this power. It's amazing recently how often you pick up Christian magazines or semi-Christian magazines. They are about to make life in a test-tube. It used to be through the great evidence of God's power was that he could create life, but now they will soon create life in a test-tube. It's even said that it has been done.

Actually primitive man created life. He didn't need a test tube. He took a little worm, put the worm on the table and put some various foods beside it. The worm ate the food, day after day it ate it and soon the worm was twice as big! Then the man took and cut the worm in half, and both halves ~~lived~~ lived. And where there was one worm before there were two now. So you might say primitive man created life. He had two worms where there had been one before. Actually, of course, he didn't create a worm out of nothing. Certainly not out of nothing as God created the universe. Nor did he create it out of inorganic matter. He made two worms out of one.

Just about exactly the same thing was done a month or so ago. It was a tremendous achievement, but nothing like as great as cutting a worm in two. When some scientists took some materials and