

Philippians: Fellowship of the Gospel

Study 13: Christ versus all else

READ Philippians 3:4-11 and **LISTEN** to the [sermon](#) by Pastor Craig.

Main Point: Only those who truly know Christ recognize everything else as loss.

Summary: In our passage Paul will describe his “religious credit” he trusted in to be right before God (vv. 4-6). But when he received Christ all those former things became a liability to knowing Christ (vv. 7-8). Paul then describes five reasons why Christ is gain and everything else is loss (vv. 9-11).

1. What things, other than Christ, are you tempted to trust in for acceptance before God? Why?
2. What did Paul previously think about his religious credentials (vv. 5-6)? What place did they have in his life?
3. Paul used the word “loss” and “rubbish” (a very crude expletive by first-century standards) to describe those “credentials” (vv. 7-8). Why did he use such harsh terms and how does Paul think about them now?
4. What was it that caused this radical reassessment?

5. In v. 9 Paul compares two types of righteousness. Can you explain the difference between these?

Which is better and why?

Are they mutually exclusive? Why or why not?

6. After “righteousness” Paul provides four more reasons for why knowing Christ is gain in vv. 10-11. What are those four things and how do they encourage you?
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7. How can you ensure that you are daily placing your confidence in Jesus and not in your flesh (v. 3)?

STOP AND PRAY: according to the A.C.T.S. method

Adoration: Rejoice in the Lord and give thanks for the righteousness that comes through Christ

Confession: Confess things you trust in instead of Christ

Thanksgiving: Thank Christ for the gospel that completely saves and keeps

Supplication: Ask God to help you count everything as rubbish in order that you may gain Christ