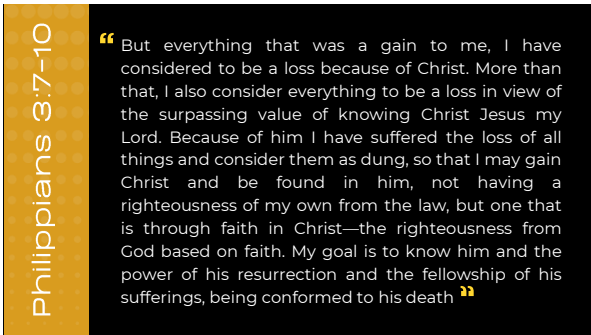




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Philippians 3:7-8a



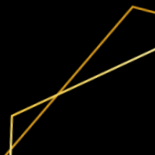
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PAUL'S PERSPECTIVE

Everything we receive in Christ surpasses anything we can achieve on our own



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Philippians 3:1-2



In addition, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. To write to you again about this is no trouble for me and is a safeguard for you. Watch out for the **dogs**, watch out for the evil workers, watch out for those who mutilate the flesh.



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Philippians 3:3



For we are the **circumcision**, the ones who **worship** by the Spirit of God, **boast** in Christ Jesus, and do not put confidence in the flesh



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Philippians 3:4-6



although I have reasons for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he has grounds for confidence in the flesh, **I have more**: circumcised the eighth day; of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin,



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Philippians 3:4-6



a Hebrew born of Hebrews; regarding the law, a Pharisee; regarding zeal, persecuting the church; regarding the righteousness that is in the law, blameless.



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Philippians 3:7-8a

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The ultimate treasure of the Gospel is the gift of God Himself.

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Philippians 3:8 [AMP]

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Yes, furthermore, I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him [of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly].

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“Knowing” Christ is the key to feeling settled, safe, and secure

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“Paul is unpacking these reasons for you to pursue Christ at all costs, because even if you gain all of those good, morally superior attainments - if you clean up your life and manage to somehow never struggle again - but you never get Jesus, you’ve totally lost.”

— Matt Chandler

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The primary goal of all discipleship ministry should always be deeper intimacy with Jesus

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“We are powerless before a needy world, but Christ has not failed. Let us bring men to Him. His touch still has its ancient power.”

— Vance Havner

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To share about the transformative power of knowing Christ, we must first know it ourselves

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KEY QUESTION

IS CHRIST YOUR ULTIMATE TREASURE?

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