

Philippians Series - Week 7

Philippians 3 : 1-11



1 Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord!  
It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you  
again, and it is a safeguard for you. 2 Watch out for  
those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh.  
3 For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve  
God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who  
put no confidence in the flesh - 4 though I myself have  
reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they  
have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:



5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel,  
of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard  
to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as for zeal, persecuting the  
church;

as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. 7 But  
whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the  
sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a  
loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ  
Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.

I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ



9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. 10 I want to know Christ, yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,<sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.



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Where is your joy found?



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We as Christ followers should examine our lives to see if we are living like Paul's example...

1) Worshiping and serving God alone

2) Boasting only in Jesus Christ  
and not ourselves (Psalm 73:26)



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### Gain

- 1) Christ

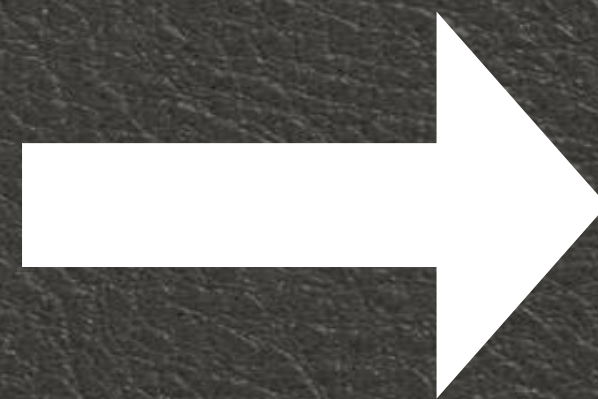
### Loss

- 1) Heritage
- 2) Family
- 3) Religion
- 4) Traditions



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JESUS + \_\_\_\_\_ = Gospel  
Distortion

JESUS + NOTHING = EVERYTHING



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## Luke 23 : 38 - 43

38 There was a written notice above him, which read:

This is the king of the jews. 39 One of the criminals

who hung there hurled insults at him, "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other

criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said,

"since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are

punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds

deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you

come into your kingdom." 43 Jesus answered him,

"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."



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