



What Matters Most

PRIORITIES

Philippians 3:1-11

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

² Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³ For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh –

⁴ though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for 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; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order 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 comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. **Philippians 3:1-11**

A. Paul turns the page - with a reminder (1)

B. What Paul Sees . . . (2-8)

1. Look out! - Warning (2-3)
2. Looking Back - What defined Paul (4-6)
3. Looking Ahead - Who defines Paul now - Christ (7-8)

C. What Paul Experienced (9-11) (change in priorities)

- A. Righteousness through faith in Christ (9)
- B. A Growing Personal Relationship in Christ (10a)
- C. Partnership of Suffering in Christ (10b)
- D. Eternal Life in Christ (11)

Did you know?

Jesus Christ is both a name and a title. Jesus was a common first century name meaning, "the Lord saves." Christ is the Greek form of the Hebrew word for "Messiah." Jesus is the Messiah - the anointed one. The title Christ eventually became part of His name. When the title Lord is added to Jesus Christ it refers to His Deity as well as His name and title.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does life look different when we worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus then when we put our confidence in the flesh?
2. Read Paul's testimony in Acts 22:3-16. What defined Paul before meeting Christ?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. After reading the passage, record what life looked like for you before-and-after you embraced the gospel and how the gospel has made and is continuing to make an impact on your priorities.
4. Reread 2 Corinthians 5:17 throughout the week. Use it to remind you of the power of the gospel that has changed your life. Pray that God will keep your newness in Christ fresh this week. Pray that God will plant this verse in your life and that He will help you prioritize all areas of your life in a way that gives glory to Him.

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