
KNOWING CHRIST:THE ONLY TREASURE
WORTH HAVING.
PHILIPPIANS 3:1-11
WHAT ARE YOU REALLY TRUSTING?
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I. BEWARE OF CONFIDENCE IN RELIGION.

PHILIPPIANS 3:1-3

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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.


II. COUNT EVERY HUMAN
ACHIEVEMENT AS LOSS.
PHILIPPIANS 3:4-7

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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.

III. TREASURE CHRIST ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE.

PHILIPPIANS 3:8-9

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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[A] CHRIST—THE RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT COMES FROM GOD ON THE BASIS OF FAITH.

IV. PURSUE THE DEEP KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST.

PHILIPPIANS 3:10-11

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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, 11 AND SO, SOMEHOW, ATTAINING TO THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD.