

The Examined life

Part 2

Today we see that all the benefits of life, or the cost of suffering, cannot compare to the value of intimacy with Jesus.

Q: What thing remains a gain to Paul, no matter the cost?

- Divine ability, strength and gifting's, or the gift of participating in suffering, even and including death.
- Examining The Gain (vs. 8B-11):
Any way to grow closer to Jesus; through experience, divine power, partnership in suffering, or death, all is worth gaining more of Him.
He. 3:14. 1 Jhn. 1:3; He. 6:18. 1 Pe. 3:19, 20. 1 Co. 1:30. 2 Co. 5:17
- A renewed mind removes the world-view of gain and provides a heavenly view.
Ro. 6:4-11; 8:10, 11; Eph. 4:23; Col. 2:13; 3:1.
- Gaining intimacy with Jesus provides all the person ever desires.
- Ep. 1:19-21. 1 Pe. 1:3; 4:1, 2. Re. 1:18. Mat. 20:23. Ro. 6:3-5; 8:17, 29. Col. 1:24. Lu. 14:14; 20:35, 36. Jhn. 11:24.

In closing...

Trusting Jesus means I can live in relationship with Him, not because of my behavior, but because of His love, which is so great its worth losing the world to gain Him, no matter pain or difficulty.

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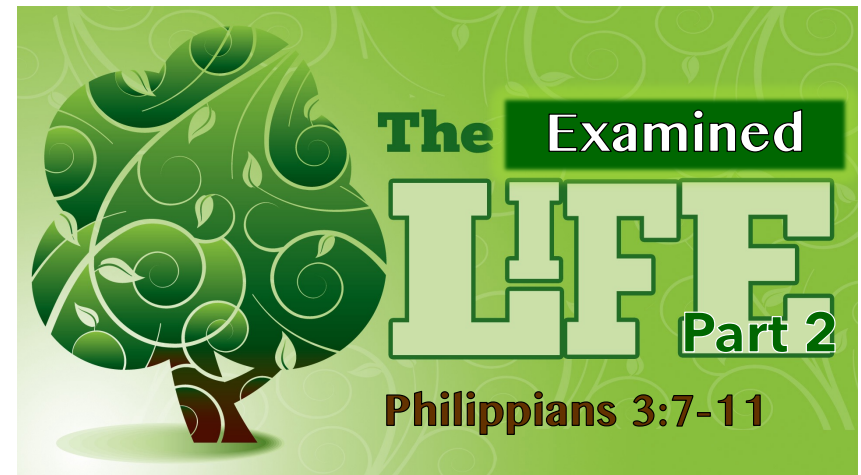
Another year is dawning,
Dear Father let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with thee.
Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.
Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace,
Another year of gladness,
The glory of thy face.
Another year of leaning
Upon thy loving breast,
Another year of trusting,
Of quiet, happy rest.
Another year of service,
Of witness for thy love,
Another year of training
For holier work above.
Another year is dawning,
Dear Father, let it be,
On earth, or else in heaven,
Another year for thee.

Digging Deeper

FOR FURTHER STUDY:

1. What remains in your life now, that one day you will recognize a loss? What are willing to lose (money, reputation, comfort, family, status, etc.) to gain more intimacy with Jesus?
(Vs. 7-8a)

2. What are willing to do (in practice not proclamation) whether it be work, serve, give, or suffer (not just pain, but any suffering) to know Jesus more in an experiential way?
(Vs. 8b-11)



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