

A Journey Through the Book of Philippians

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Jesus is Better than Religion

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How Good Is Good Enough?

2^o For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Paul's Impressive and Worthless Résumé

3 Finally, my brothers and sisters, 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.

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⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

Losing Our Religion

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

Gaining Christ

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—

Gaining Christ

¹⁴ For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

The Goal For All Who Believe

^{I^o} that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ^{II} that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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¹⁰ My goal is to *know him* and the *power of his resurrection* and *the fellowship of his sufferings*

Prayer #1: That We May Know Him

¹⁰ My goal is *to know him* and the power of his resurrection and *the fellowship of his sufferings*, being conformed to his death,

Prayer #2: That We'd Walk in Resurrection Power

¹⁰ My goal is *to* know him and *the power of his resurrection* and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death,

This is the central problem of our age: all too often, we who are Christians, including those who know something of good theology, is that we tend to do the Lord's work in the power of the flesh instead of in the power of the Spirit

– Francis Schaeffer

Prayer #3: That We'd Gladly Embrace Sacrifice for the Sake of Christ

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⁂ More than that, I also consider everything to be a loss in view of the surpassing value of *knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.*