

I. An Exchange of Values (8-9)

- A. Acknowledging new priorities (8a) - “Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.”
- B. Embracing full surrender (8b) - “For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ...” **It is one thing to acknowledge His worth above all else. Its another thing to drop everything and pursue Him!**
- C. Engaging in higher pursuit (9a) - “...and be found in Him...”
- D. Experiencing deeper rest (9b) - “...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.”

II. An Exchange of Purpose (10-11)

- A. Paul’s primary thirst (10a) - “That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection...”
- B. Paul’s rare commitment (10b) - “...and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in his death...”
- C. Paul’s driving revelation (11) - “That by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.”

Everyone desires the resurrection power of Jesus. Not as many are willing to embrace the cross that precedes the resurrection.

III. An Exchange of Direction (12-15)

- A. Forward direction (12) - “Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own.”

You can never arrive in this life, but you can always grow.

- B. Forward discipline (13) - “Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead...”
- C. Forward determination (14) - “I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”
- D. Forward discernment (15) - “Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.”