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Worship Service
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PHILIPPIANS: Joy in the Journey

Lesson Nineteen • Philippians 3:4-9
Losing All to Gain Christ

Don't Waste Your Life

The life that counts for God's glory LOSES ALL to GAIN CHRIST as their treasure.

*But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.
Philippians 3:7*

Losing All to Gain Christ

1. Count as LOSS the Many Treasures of the Wasted Life!

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: 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; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Phi. 3:4-7

Treasures Paul Counted as Loss

- FAMILY heritage: "circumcised on the eight day, of the people of Israel"
- SOCIAL status: "of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews"
- BIBLICAL knowledge: "as to the law, a Pharisee"
- RELIGIOUS activity: "as to zeal, a persecutor of the church"
- MORAL lifestyle: "as to righteousness under the law, blameless"

2. Count as GAIN the Only Treasure of the Life That Counts!

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. Philippians 3:8

The Only Treasure of the Life That Counts

The life that counts for God's glory treasures CHRIST above everything this world has to offer.

*"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."
Paul, Philippians 1:21*

Paul's Assessment

LOSS	GAIN
World's Treasures	Jesus Christ

What We Gain in Christ

- In Christ we have found something worth LOSING everything for.
 - Example of Job – Job 19:25*
 - Example of Moses – Hebrews 11:24-26*
 - Example of Epaphroditus – Philippians 2:25-30*
 - Example of Jim Elliot and C.T. Studd*
- In Christ we are counted RIGHTEOUS, and this righteousness is not your own, but a gift from God that is received through faith.
 - 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. Philippians 3:9*

Prayer

God, even if it costs me everything, don't let me waste my life. With Your grace, help me to make my life count for Your glory.