

The Surpassing Worth of Knowing Christ Jesus

Philippians 3:1-11

Key Verse: 3:8

1. What does the apostle Paul exhort the brothers in Philippi (1a)? What does 'rejoice in the Lord' mean, and why is it so important (1b)?
2. Who does Paul tell the Philippians to look out for (2)? What are their characteristics? Who is the true circumcision (3; Rom 2:29)?
3. Where does Paul stand if he chooses to trust in the flesh (4-6)? Why had Paul counted these things as gains in the past (7a)? How did he come to count them as losses (7b-8a)? In what ways is knowing Christ Jesus the surpassing worth? (Col. 2:2,3; John 17:3)
4. Why did Paul suffer the loss of all things and count them as rubbish (8b,9a)? What does it mean to "gain Christ" and "be found in him"? How does righteousness come to us (9b)?
5. What is the strong desire of Paul (10a)? To what extent does he desire to know Christ (10b-11)? Talk about his spiritual desire to know Christ experientially.