

“All But Christ Is Loss” ♦ Philippians 3:4b-14  
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- I. *That which the world counts as most valuable are not what we should count as most valuable.*
  - A. **That with which we are born** (“[1] circumcised on the eighth day, [2] of the people of Israel, [3] of the tribe of Benjamin, [4] a Hebrew of the Hebrews”)
  - B. **That which we achieve** (“ [1] a Pharisee, [2] a persecutor of the church, [3] blameless”)
- II. *What the world offers comes according to work, but what we have in Christ is sheer gift.*
  - A. We know him (Phil. 3:8).
  - B. We have union with him (Phil. 3:9).
  - C. We are given Christ’s righteousness (Phil 3:9).
  - D. We fellowship with him in his sufferings (Phil. 3:10).
  - E. We will attain resurrection from the dead (Phil. 3:11).
- III. *Faith is the counting of all things as rubbish (skūbalon) for the sake of possessing Jesus Christ (Phil. 3:8-9).*
- IV. *We can keep going in pursuing Christ and his future gifts because Christ has already made us his own.*
  - A. Resurrection
  - B. Glorification

*Is there anything that you are not counting as loss for the sake of knowing Christ?*

*How do you value your achievements, your personal joys, your personal interests in comparison to knowing Christ and his gifts?*