

Nothing compares to knowing Jesus

Philippians 3:1-11



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¹ Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your faith.



Philippians 3:2-3

² Watch out for those dogs, those people who do evil, those mutilators who say you must be circumcised to be saved.

³ For we who worship by the Spirit of God are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort

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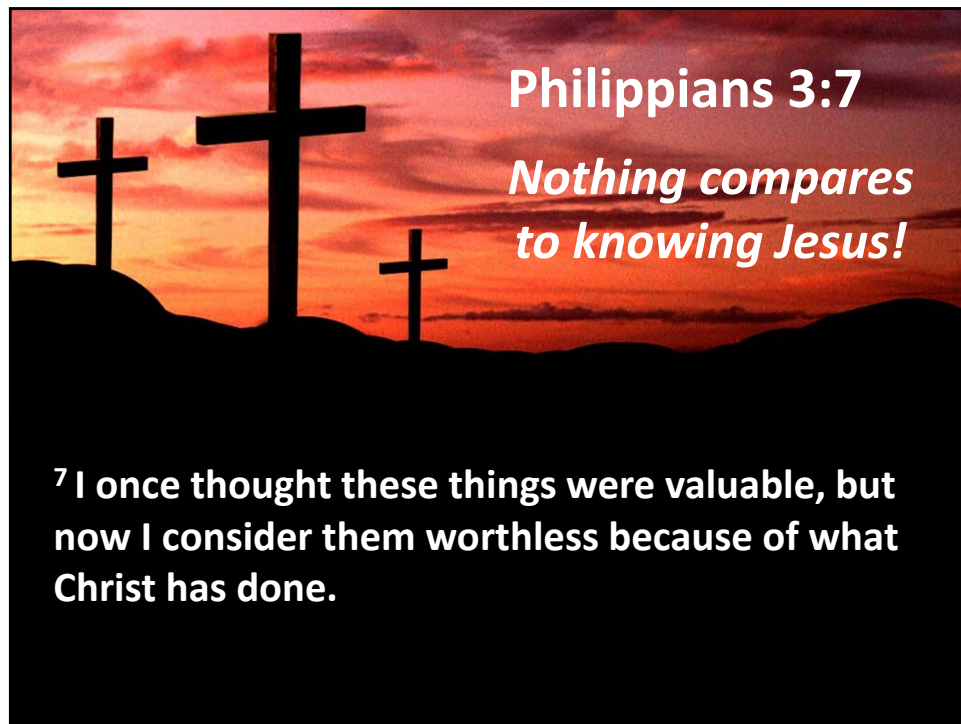
Philippians 3:4-6

⁴ though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more!

⁵ I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law.

⁶ I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault.





Philippians 3:8-11

⁸ Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ ⁹ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, ¹¹ so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

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1. Admit your need for Jesus and acknowledge that you have sinned.

Romans 3:23

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

2. Believe that he died on the cross for your sins, and rose again on the third day.

Romans 10:9-10

⁹ If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.

3. Understand that this is an act of grace and that you can't pay for it.

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

4. Receive Jesus as Lord of your life.

Philippians 3:7-11, Romans 10

Salvation is free in the sense that you can't pay for it, but there is a great cost in following Christ. It will cost you nothing short of your entire life.

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