

All My Gain,
I Count As Loss

Phil 3:1-11

Php 3:1-2 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. 2 **Look out** for the dogs, **look out** for the evildoers, **look out** for those who mutilate the flesh.

Why this kind of teaching can be appealing



We like to
check the
boxes



Peer
pressure



We love
our
traditions



Feeling of
superiority

3 For we are the circumcision, who **worship by the Spirit** of God and **glory in Christ Jesus** and put **no confidence in the flesh**--

Rom 2:28-29 ESV For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. 29 But a Jew is one **inwardly**, and circumcision is a **matter of the heart**, by the **Spirit**, not by the letter. His **praise** is not **from** man but from **God**.

A CHANGE IN VALUES

4 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:

5 **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**; 6 as to **zeal**, a **persecutor** of the church; as to righteousness **under the law, blameless**. 7 **But** whatever **gain** I had, I counted as **loss** for the **sake of Christ**. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss **because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus** my Lord.

A CHANGE IN IDENTITY

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ **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--

A CHANGE IN PURPOSE

10 **that I may know him** and the power of his **resurrection**, and may share his **sufferings**, becoming like him in his **death**, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

RESURRECTION

Eph 1:19-20 ESV and what is the immeasurable greatness of his **power toward us** who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ **when he raised him from the dead** and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

SUFFERING

1Pe 4:13-14 ESV But rejoice insofar as you **share Christ's sufferings**, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

DEATH

Gal 2:20 ESV I have been **crucified with Christ**. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And **the life I now live** in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.