

The Gain of Loss

Philippians 3:4-9

In what do you place your confidence? _____

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4 though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put 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; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith

Reasons for Confidence (According to Paul)

- Family Heritage
- Ethnicity / Earthly Citizenship
- Outward Conduct
- Blameless, Pride in My Own Goodness

Romans 10:3-4 *3 For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.*

POINT #1: Confidence in the flesh leads to _____

Count It All As Loss

- Galatians 2:16
- Habakkuk 2:4
- Isaiah 64:6 (NIV)
- The Rich Young Ruler – Luke 18:18-23

POINT #2: Confidence in the flesh is _____ in God's economy

The Surpassing Worth of Christ

- The Woman Who Anointed Jesus – Luke 7:36-39, 44-46

POINT #3: Losing all confidence in the flesh is the path to _____

Our Response

- Galatians 2:20 – Be crucified with Christ
- Matthew 16:24-25 – We must take up His cross and follow Him
- Matthew 13:44 – The man who bought the field with treasure

In what should we place our confidence? _____