

Gaining Christ, Losing Everything

Sermon Text: Philippians 3:1-11

Scripture Reflection: Acts 9:1-31; Colossians 2:8-15

- I. Rejoice and Beware (vv. 1-2)
- II. Circumcision and Two Kinds of Confidence (vv. 3-6)
 - A. No confidence in the flesh
 - (1) The truly circumcised
 - (2) Paul's play on the word 'flesh'
 - B. Paul's past confidence *in the flesh*
- III. Gains and Losses in Christ (vv. 7-8)
- IV. Righteousness through Faith in Christ (vv. 9-11)
 - A. "I may gain Christ" (v. 8) – *Gaining Christ, Losing Everything*
 - B. "I may be found in Christ" (v. 9) – *Christ's Righteousness not mine*
 - (1) Righteousness which is through faith in Christ...
 - (2) ...Not a righteousness which is from the Law
 - C. "I may know Christ" (v. 10) – *Descending into Greatness*
 - (1) The power of his resurrection
 - (2) The fellowship of his sufferings
 - (3) Conformity to his death
 - (4) Resurrection from the dead