



## When Gain is Loss

Philippians 3:4-9

3.8.26

1. Paul lists his accomplishments and status in verses 4-6. How might achievements, reputation, or personal abilities give a false sense of security in life?
2. What does Paul mean when he says he considers all these things as loss compared to knowing Christ (v.7-8)?
3. How can relying on our own abilities, heritage, or religious achievements prevent us from experiencing true joy in Christ?
4. In what ways have you seen people (or yourself) place trust in things other than Christ? How did that affect them spiritually?
5. What does it mean to “count all things as loss” for the sake of Christ? How does releasing our attachments to worldly gains free us to follow Him?
6. What are some specific areas of life where it is hard to let go and fully rely on Christ? How can we pray about these?
7. Paul says that he gains righteousness through Christ, not his own works. How is Christ’s righteousness different from self-earned righteousness?
8. How does realizing that our reward comes from Christ change the way we live each day?
9. If you were to evaluate your life today, are there areas where you are placing trust in yourself rather than in Christ? How can you begin to shift your focus?
10. How does knowing that Christ gives true joy and eternal reward encourage you to live with a Christ-centered perspective rather than a self-reliant one?