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Put confidence in Christ rather than worldly credentials

Philippians 3:4-11

Introduction

1. Write your brief Bio-data here.
2. How important and valuable are these worldly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
3. Paul testifies and tells the Philippians how can Christians have confidence in their salvation in the midst of suffering and false teaching.
4. Christians do not put confidence in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (4-8).
5. There are seven human advantages Paul could boast of (5-6).
6. The first four are inherited privileges (5).
7. The last three are on Paul’s personal achievements (5c-6).
8. Paul considers them loss and rubbish (7-8).
9. Christians should trust in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ and His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ power (9-11).
10. Righteousness comes from God through faith in Christ (9).
11. Knowing Christ means - (10)
12. Trusting Christ for righteousness.
13. To know the power of His resurrection.
14. To be willing to share in His sufferings.
15. Knowing Christ made Paul radically changed (9-10).

Conclusion

1. Do you know Jesus Christ as Paul did?
2. As students, as executives, as mothers, where is your confidence today?
3. Degrees, positions, wealth, credentials, achievements, or insurance minus Christ are worthless.
4. Put confidence in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [Main Idea].

Thought Questions

1. Read Philippians 3:4-11 and list out Paul’s credentials (vv. 5-6) versus all your credentials.

Paul’s credentials Your credentials

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1. What does it mean to know Christ? What does knowing Christ entail? (vv. 9 & 10).
2. List out the areas of your life in which you can trust in your credentials, and the areas that you need to trust in God?