**Sermon Series:**

**HOW TO ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR LIFE**

*(a verse-by-verse study of Philippians)*

***Jesus Plus Anything Ruins Everything!*** *(Pt 3)*

**Philippians 3:1-11**

**I. Option # 1 - Our *Resume’*** *(vv 4-6)*

**II. Option # 2 - Christ’s** *(vv 7-11)*

 ***“But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.”***

In the Greek, theword ***“gain”*** is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and therefore, it is better translated “gains.”

The word ***“gain”*** is actually an accounting term, one that simply means \_\_\_\_\_\_.

While the word ***“gain”*** is plural in the Greek, the word that is translated ***“loss”*** is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The word ***“loss”*** actually describes a state of “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, forfeit or loss.”

In the accounting book of Paul's life, everything that he thought was on the **‘**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**’** side of the ledger, was actually on the **‘**\_\_\_\_\_**’** side of the ledger!

The words ***“for the sake of Christ”*** literally mean "on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ."

Paul’s resumé was actually an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when it came to possessing true salvation that is found only in Jesus Christ! ***(Matthew 16:26)***

***“Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.”***

Inthe Greek, the word ***“count”*** is a mathematical term which actually means to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about something andcome to a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Paul's point was that all of man's glory amounts to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when compared with the glorious treasure which is found in Christ alone!

The wordtranslated ***“surpassing”*** is a word that means outstanding, exceptional, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, matchless.

The word ***“knowing”*** means to know \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by personal involvement.

***“For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish,***

***in order that I may gain Christ…”***

It wasn’t so much that those things were worthless in themselves, but compared to the greatness of knowing Jesus Christ they really were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

In **v 7,** Paul said ***“I counted”*** - that’s \_\_\_\_\_\_ tense***;*** in **v 8,** he said *“****I count****.” -* that’s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tense.

The Greek word for ***“rubbish”*** literally refers to the vilest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or the filthiest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

To think we can earn our way into God’s favor by doing a few good deeds is extremely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God.

Our sin is so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that the only way for God to forgive it was to have His Son die in our place in order to pay the penalty of it!

In **vv 8c-9,** Paul made it clear that the very foundation of his spiritual life was found in what Jesus had done for \_\_\_\_\_ and not in what he had done for \_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion:**

***Religion is all about*** *\_\_\_\_* ***and what we do for God, Christianity is all about*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***and what He has done for us.***

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