

JESUS CHRIST: MY GREATEST TREASURE

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Philippians 3:7-11

“But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 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 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. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.”

Paul here recognizes how much Christ means to him and the great role Jesus has in his life. The care and trust he finds in Christ are more valuable than anything else in his life. Christ is the most valuable treasure he has ever gained. Paul wants to make it undeniably clear through these challenging verses just how important a life of absolute dependence on Jesus is.

We all know those areas in our lives that we often put our whole trust in, only to come out damaged on the other side. I often catch myself trusting in my worldly circumstances and becoming dependent on them. But Paul writes that these things bring us nothing but loss! When I zoom out and compare my life on Earth to my life that will stretch into eternity, the earthly things become smaller and even meaningless. What does Jesus really mean to me and what do I depend on in His place?

In Mark 8:34-35 Jesus challenges us with these words, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.” In the verses that follow, Jesus asks the crowd before Him what use it is for someone to gain the world if they end up losing their soul? He’s asking us the same question today. Jesus encourages you and me to reflect: how much do I depend on myself and my own life? He encourages us then to step into His presence and become more like Him in His holy character.

Prayer: *Thank You, Jesus, that You are worth so much more than anything in this world. Forgive me where I have been ignorant and chosen this world instead of You. I want to give You more and more room in my life, to become more and more like You, and to understand more and more just how great of a treasure Your presence is. Amen.*

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