

An Honest Appraisal

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GETTING STARTED

What thing that you own is your most valuable possession? Why is it so valuable to you?

OVERVIEW

It is very easy to get our priorities mixed up in life. There are so many things that fight for our attention and want to take the top spot in our hearts. Sometimes we have to ask ourselves what we value most: what do we really treasure? Paul had plenty to value and put his confidence in, but he shows us how a relationship with Christ is more valuable than anything in the world.

DIG DEEPER

1. What impacted you most from the sermon this week?
2. **Read Philippians 3:1-6:** Paul here gives his Jewish “resume” of things that he could trust in (verses 4-6) - what things might be on a Christian “resume” today?
 - If you made a list similar to Paul’s “resume,” what would be the top things you might be tempted to put your trust in right now? *Why?*
3. Compare Paul’s own example in **Philippians 3:7-11** with the example of Jesus in **2:5-11:**
 - What similarities do you see between these two passages?
 - What differences are notable?
 - What is the difference between the righteousness that “comes from the law” and righteousness “that depends on faith” (**3:9**)?
 - What does Paul mean by “shar[ing in Christ’s] sufferings” (**3:10**)?

APPLY

4. What do you honestly treasure most in life right now? Why? (Consider more than just objects/things, what about honors, privileges, or achievements?)
 - How would you feel if you lost those things?
 - What would you not be willing to give up if God asked you to let go of it?
5. If your current priorities are off, how can you change your perspective and priorities?
6. How can you practically demonstrate (to yourself and to others) that knowing Christ is worth far more than anything you own or have achieved or value?