

## Joy of Gain Through Loss



What is the most valuable thing you own? What is your most important accomplishment? What you consider 'valuable' and what you consider an 'accomplishment' can be the difference between a life of power and grace or a life of weakness and disappointment.

### Introduction

1. Work out what God has worked in! *Phil 2:12-13 Lesson 5*
2. What 'joy' has God worked in us? "These things I have spoken to you that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full." *John 15:11*
3. What was the joy of Jesus? *Heb 12:2; Psalm 40:8*

### A. Count it all Joy...

#### ...or How to 'count' things as loss for Christ

1. **Count:** Gk hegeomai—to lead or go before! Metaphorically to lead with the mind, to determine value. Knowing Christ changes how I value things in my life.  
*James 1:2 ...count it all joy...trials...*  
*Phil 3:1; 3; 4; 7; 8 (See sidebar verses in blue)*

### B. Confidence: Gain or Loss?

#### Do not put your confidence in these:

1. Dogs :2 *False teachers—contrary to God's Word—those who offer 'another way' or 'secret way'*
2. Evil workers :2 *Profession without possession. Say they are believers but are not—proven by their evil works.*
3. False circumcision :2 *Outward sign-no inward change! Working for, not out salvation. See Phil 2:12*
4. The flesh :4-6  
*...circumcised the eighth day*  
*...of the nation of Israel*  
*...of the tribe of Benjamin*  
*...a Hebrew of Hebrews*  
*...as to the law, a Pharisee*  
*...as to zeal, a persecutor of the church*  
*...as to righteousness — found blameless*

### C. Confidence: Gain or Loss?

#### Do put your confidence in these:

1. Circumcision of the heart — true circumcision :3
2. Worship [in the Spirit of God and glory of Christ :3
3. Knowledge of Christ Jesus :8; 10
4. Righteousness that is from God by faith :9
5. Power of His resurrection :10
6. Fellowship of His suffering :10
7. Conformed to His death :10

## Philippians 3:1-11

**:1** Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you *it is safe* [*a safeguard*].

**:2** Beware of (B1) dogs, beware of (B2) evil workers, beware of (B3) the mutilation!

**:3** For we are the (C1) circumcision, (C2) who worship God in the Spirit, **rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,**

**:4** though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so:

**:5** circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee;

**:6** concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

**:7** But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.

**:8** Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the (C3) excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

**:9** and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, (C4) the righteousness which is from God by faith;

**:10** that I may (C3) know Him and the (C5) power of His resurrection, and the (C6) fellowship of His sufferings, being (C7) conformed to His death,

**:11** if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.