

Profit and Loss

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Philippians 3:4-7.
- B. Christianity is all about knowing Christ.

II. Paul's confidence.

- A. Paul had a remarkable heritage.
- B. Paul had a religion that was fully informed.
- C. Paul was involved in a crusade, which he was totally committed.
- D. He had a lifestyle that was fully consistent.

III. Paul's confrontation.

- A. Paul had antipathy towards anyone that ever suggested he was insufficient.
- B. Paul had antagonism towards the suggestion that he needed salvation.
- C. Paul's confrontation...
 - 1. Was with the real Christ who is God himself.
 - 2. Was with the risen Christ.
 - 3. Was with the ruling Christ.

IV. Paul's conversion.

- A. Paul changed his ideas about heritage, religion and his crusade.
- B. This is what happens when a person encounters Christ.
- C. Paul threw everything else overboard for Christ. This is conversion.
- D. Christ alone is the basis of our confidence.

Application questions:

1. What things were important for you to give up at conversion?

2. In what ways does Jesus challenge the religious ideas of our day?

3. What things in your life need to take a different place in order to live a life where Jesus is your everything? Explain.
