

Paul's résumé is impressive, but he counts it all as "loss" compared with the worth of knowing Christ and calls all of us to do the same. Why?

- Disciples glory in Christ and put no _____ in the flesh (3:3b).
- God has called out and gathered a _____ people (3:3a; Acts 15:1-2, 5; Gal 2:15-16; 3:7-10; Rom 2:25, 28-29; Phil 3:1-2) who worship by God's Spirit.
- Jesus' disciples have no righteousness of their _____ that comes from the law (3:9a).
- Our righteousness comes through _____ in Christ; ours is righteousness from God that depends on faith (3:9b).

…and Paul wants to make those facts of the gospel crystal clear (3:1b), but also to reinforce the fact that this is where true joy can be found (3:1a).

The joy of knowing Christ

- The _____ is off: my confidence should never have been "in the flesh" in the first place.
- The things I can't hold on to indefinitely? It's not only okay, it's necessary to go ahead and put those in the _____ column.
- But through the gospel, what do I get to put in the _____ column? "I know Christ."
- Nothing, not one thing matters more than knowing the power of His _____.

The greatest joy of the journey isn't found in _____, in what we are able to accomplish or acquire, and it isn't even found in what we gain from _____ Jesus. The greatest joy of the journey is found in _____ Christ himself.