

## Philippians 3:8-9 (NLT)

Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and become one with Him...

## Philippians 3:9 (NLT)

<sup>9</sup>...I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith.

## Philippians 3:10-11 (NLT)

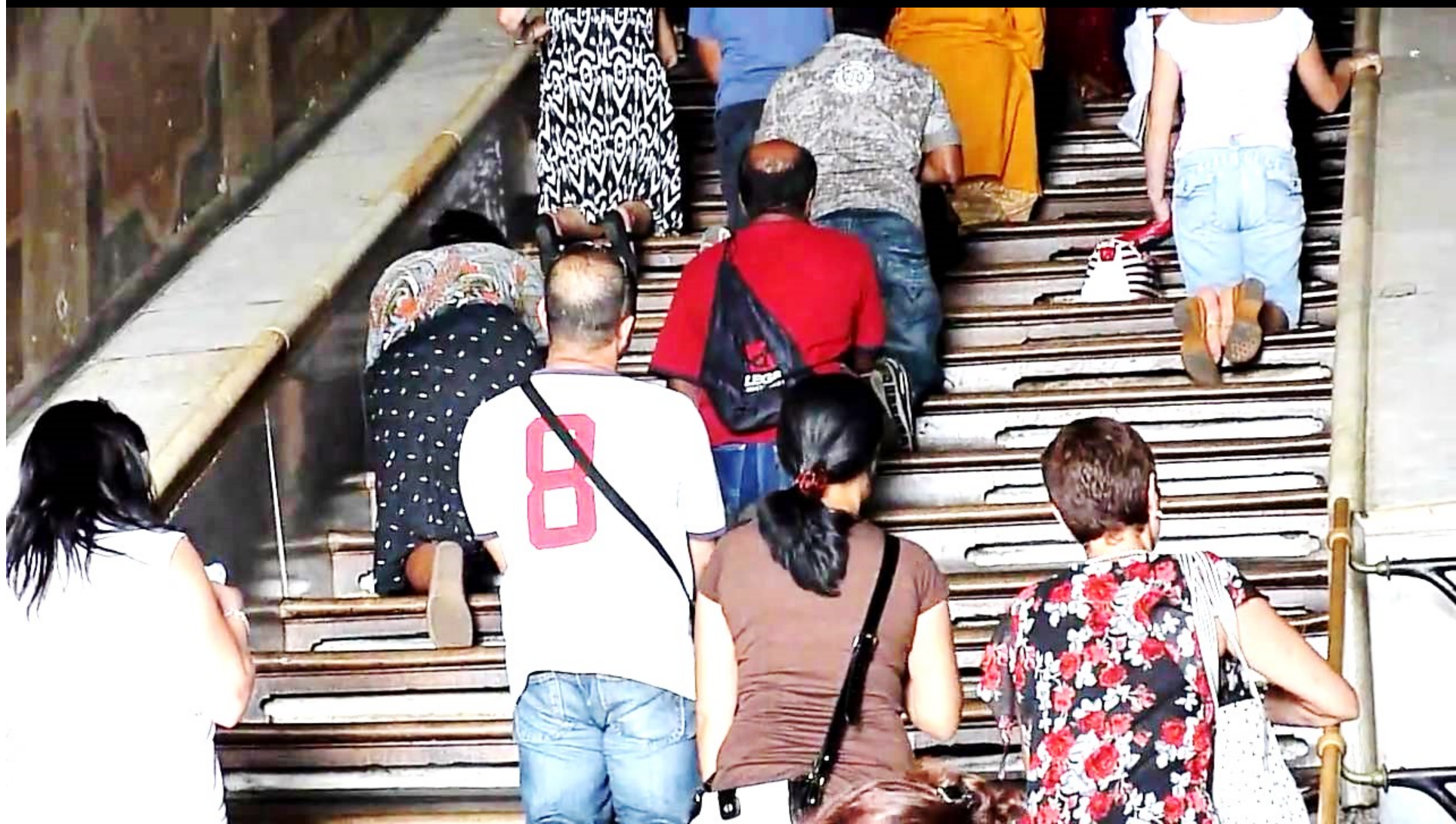
I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised Him from the dead.

I want to suffer with Him, sharing in His death, <sup>11</sup> so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

**I want to KNOW Christ**

**Philippians 3:1-11**





<sup>2</sup> Watch out for those dogs, those people who do evil, those **mutilators** who say you must be circumcised to be saved.

<sup>3</sup> For we who **worship by the Spirit of God** are the ones who are truly circumcised.

We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. **We put NO confidence in human effort...** (NLT)

Acts 15:1 (HCS)

Some men came down from Judea  
and began to teach the brothers:

**“Unless you are circumcised**  
according to the custom prescribed by  
Moses, **you cannot be saved!”**



<sup>5</sup>...some of the **BELIEVERS from the party of the Pharisees** stood up and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to command them to keep the law of Moses!” (HCS)

<sup>7</sup> After there had been much debate,  
Peter stood up and said to them:  
Brothers, you are aware that in the early  
days God made a choice among you,  
that by my mouth the Gentiles would hear  
the gospel message and believe. (HCS)

<sup>8</sup> And God, who knows the heart, testified to them by giving the Holy Spirit, just as He also did to us.

<sup>9</sup> He made no distinction between **US** and **THEM**,

**cleansing their hearts BY FAITH.** (HCS)

11...we **BELIEVE** we are **SAVED**  
through the **GRACE**  
of the Lord Jesus  
in the same way they are.

(HCS)

## By BIRTH...

- circumcised on the eighth
- of the people of Israel
- of the tribe of Benjamin
- a Hebrew of Hebrews

## By CHOICE

- a Pharisee
- a Persecutor of the church
- faultless in his Legalism

<sup>2</sup> Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those **MUTILATORS** of the flesh.

<sup>3</sup> For it is **WE** who are the **CIRCUMCISION**,  
**WE** who **WORSHIP** by the Spirit of God,  
[WE] who **GLORY** in Christ Jesus, and  
[WE] who put **NO CONFIDENCE** in  
the flesh...

**→We Christians are the ones who  
WORSHIP God by the Spirit of God**

Colossians 3:17 (NIV)

And **whatever you DO**, whether in

**WORD or DEED, DO IT ALL**

in the **NAME of the Lord Jesus**, giving  
thanks to God the Father through him.



# → We Christians are the ones who GLORY or Exult in Christ Jesus

Romans 11:33-36 (NIV)

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out!

<sup>34</sup> "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor?" <sup>35</sup> "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay Him?" <sup>36</sup> For from Him and through Him and to Him are **ALL** things.

**To Him be the glory forever! Amen.**

**→ We Christians are the ones who put  
NO CONFIDENCE in Human Efforts**

**<sup>3</sup> ...We RELY on what Christ Jesus  
HAS DONE FOR US.**

**We put no confidence in human effort...**

(NLT)

Romans 3:20-23 (NIV)

...**NO ONE** will be declared righteous  
in His sight **BY OBSERVING** the law;  
rather, through the law we become  
conscious of sin.

21 But now a righteousness **FROM** God,  
**apart from law**, has been made known, to  
which the Law and the Prophets testify.

22 This righteousness from God  
comes through **FAITH** in Jesus Christ  
to **ALL** who **BELIEVE...**

**GAIN**

**LOSS**

## **GAIN**

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Hebrew of Hebrews  
Tribe of Benjamin  
Circumcised 8<sup>th</sup> day  
Pharisee  
Persecutor of Church  
Obeyed Rituals Rules

## **LOSS**

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Jesus the Fake crucified  
Messiah  
O.T. Law being Distorted  
Stopping the Disciples of  
Jesus

## LOSS

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Tribe of Benjamin  
Circumcised 8<sup>th</sup> day  
Pharisee  
Persecutor of Church  
Obeyed Rituals Rules  
Being a Jew  
**EVERYTHING** else

## GAIN

# CHRIST

Gain Christ  
be **IN** Christ  
Righteousness by **FAITH**  
in Christ

<sup>7</sup> But whatever **WAS** to my **profit**  
I now consider **LOSS** for the sake of Christ.

<sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a  
**LOSS** compared to the surpassing  
greatness of **knowing Christ Jesus**  
my Lord, for whose sake I have **lost all**  
things. I consider them **RUBBISH**,  
that I may **GAIN Christ**



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Just as Christ died **FOR** sin -  
we should also die **TO** sin.

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It takes **DIVINE strength** to suffer for  
**Christ**. That is why the **power** of  
**His resurrection** is put before the  
fellowship of His sufferings.

MacDonald

It means **resurrection** out from among  
other corpses

...perhaps he was using this word  
to refer to the **Rapture**.

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