

One Church Series
Week 7 outline
10.6.19
Phil 3:1-14

ONE CHURCH: ONE GAIN

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ"

IN CHRIST WE GAIN;
A NEW IDENTITY,
A LASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS
AND A COMPELLING VISION

I. Gaining Jesus: Our New Identity (vs 1-3)

A. A Gained Acceptance

- "for we are the circumcision"

- Our Identity is now IN Christ, as adopted sons and daughters, in His family, by his new covenant

B. A Gained Adoration

- "who worship [serve] by the Spirit of God"

- "worship" rightly: "to serve"

- Our Identity is now IN Christ, fully known and fully loved, equipped to serve in response.

C. A Gained Affirmation

- "who glory [boast] in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh"

- "glory"

- Our identity is now IN Christ, freeing us to forget about ourselves, and boast in Him.

II. Losing Our Old...Self-centeredness, Self-righteousness, and Self-ambition (vs 4-8)

A. Paul's Resume (vs 4-6)

1. I look the right way

- "Circumcised on the 8th day"

2. I come from the right people

- "of the people of Israel"

3. I have the right pedigree

"of the tribe of Benjamin"

4. I speak the right language

- "a Hebrew of Hebrews"

5. I made the best grades
 - "as to the law, a Pharisee"
6. I have to most drive
 "as to zeal, a persecutor"
7. I act the right way
 "as to righteousness under the law, blameless"

B. ...AND IT'S ALL GARBAGE COMPARED TO CHRIST!!!! (vs 7-8)

1. It's a total loss
2. I count it all as rubbish

GAINING CHRIST MEANS WE GAIN HIS NEW IDENTITY THAT IS
LIFE GIVING, FULLY LOVING, AND EVERLASTING

QUESTION #1

Where do I look for my Identity?
-Does it give me Life?
-Does it Love me back?
-Will it Last forever?

III. Gaining Jesus: Our Lasting Righteousness (vs 9-11)

A. "A righteousness of my own" is...

1. Always temporary
2. Never enough
3. Completely dependent on feeling better about myself than I do about others

B. Lasting Righteousness (Climbing off the ladder)

1. Is found in Christ
2. Comes through faith in Him rather than works
3. Brings rightness and intimacy to our relationship with God
4. Provides new priorities, perspective, and purpose to our lives,
 uniting us together in our suffering with His life, death, and resurrection.

GAINING CHRIST MEANS WE GAIN HIS LASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT IS
COMPLETED BY GRACE, COMPLETELY THROUGH FAITH, AND COMPLETE IN HIM

QUESTION #2

If righteousness is determined by my own works, then what does that say about God?
-will I ever be good enough?
-can I ever live up?

IV. Gaining Jesus: Our Compelling Vision (vs 12-14)

A. Christ's Obedience:

"I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own"

B. Christ's Vision:

Jesus gives us HIS vision for our lives that brings:

1. Clear Passion

"press on! Strain forward"

2. Clear Perspective

"forget the failures and successes of the past, what lies ahead!"

3. Clear Purpose

"the goal is the upward calling of God in Christ Jesus on your life"

GAINING CHRIST MEANS WE GAIN HIS VISION FOR OUR LIVES THAT COMPELS US WITH
PASSION FOR OUR PRESENT,
PERSPECTIVE ON OUR PAST,
AND A PURPOSE FOR OUR FUTURE.

QUESTION #3

What vision am I chasing in life?

Does it take me somewhere I really want to go?

Does it have a future that's worth dying for?