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Philippians 3:7–8
That I May Gain Christ

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Review

1. Paul wrote to safeguard the church
2. Warnings against the Judaisers
3. No confidence in the flesh

The things counted loss for Christ

1. The things that were previously gained to Paul
“But what things were gain to me,” (Phil 3:7)
 - a. Ἀλλὰ... conjunction... a contrast
 - b. A reference to all the things that Paul had achieved as a Jew
 - c. κερδη... kerdos... gain
2. Counted as loss for Christ
“these I have counted loss for Christ.” (Phil 3:7)
 - a. Paul deemed his past heritage as loss
 - i. ηγημαι... hegeomai... deem, consider, count (Accounting term)
 - ii. ζημιαν... zemia... damage, loss
 - b. For the sake of Christ
3. For Paul, all things counted as loss
“Yet indeed I also count all things loss...” (Phil 3:8)
 - a. ἀλλὰ... conjunction... but, yet
 - b. μενουν... particle... truly, indeed
 - c. καὶ... conjunction... and, also
 - d. Use of hegeomai again
 - e. All things...not just his heritage but all things
 - f. With regards to all things, Paul continues to regard them as loss

4. Suffering the loss

“for whom I have suffered the loss of all things,” (Phil 3:8)

a. For Christ (cf. Phil 3:7)

b. ἐζημιώθην... zemioo... damage, suffer loss

c. For Christ that Paul had suffer this loss

5. Regarded as rubbish

“and count them as rubbish,” (Phil 3:8)

a. Third time that hegeomai is used

b. σκυβάλα... skubalon... refuse, dung, rubbish

c. He deemed all things as rubbish

The things that would be gained for Christ

1. The excellence of the knowledge of Christ

“for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord,” (Phil 3:8)

a. δια... dia... preposition...through, for the sake of

b. το υπερεχον... ho huperecho... definite article... the... to hold above, to excel

c. Paul was striving for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ

2. To gain Christ Himself

“that I may gain Christ...” (Phil 3:8)

a. ἵνα... hina... conjunction...that, in order to...purpose

b. κερδησω... kerdaino... gain, win, profit

c. The purpose of gaining Christ