

A Life in The Spirit

Philippians 3:4-14

A. Gain is Loss

1. Saul put confidence in his legacy and heritage.

“...though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day...”

Philippians 3:4-5a(NIV)

2. Saul put confidence in his community.

“...of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews...” Philippians 3:5b(NIV)

3. Saul put confidence in his reputation.

“...in regard to the law, a Pharisee...”

Philippians 3:5c(NIV)

4. Saul put confidence in his passion.

“...as for zeal, persecuting the church...”

Philippians 3:6a (NIV)

5. Saul put confidence in his morality.

“...as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.”

Philippians 3:6b (NIV)

B. Loss is Gain

1. Paul’s loss turned gain when Paul met Jesus.
“But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.”

Philippians 3:7-8b (NIV)

2. Paul’s loss turned gain through faith in Jesus.
“I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.” Philippians 3:8c-9 (NIV)

3. Paul’s loss turned gain when he got to know the power of the resurrection.

“I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection of the dead.” Philippians 3:10-11 (NIV)

C. The Mindset of Loss is Gain

1. The mindset of loss is gain realizes that our trust is in the righteousness of Christ.

“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

Philippians 1:21 (NIV)

2. The mindset of loss is gain is seeking to know the power of the resurrection.

“But our citizenship is in Heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body.” Philippians 3:20-21 (NIV)

3. The mindset of loss is gain is looking at what is ahead, not behind.

“Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken a hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)

Bottom Line:

Loss is gain.

God’s economy is different.

To begin a relationship with Jesus...

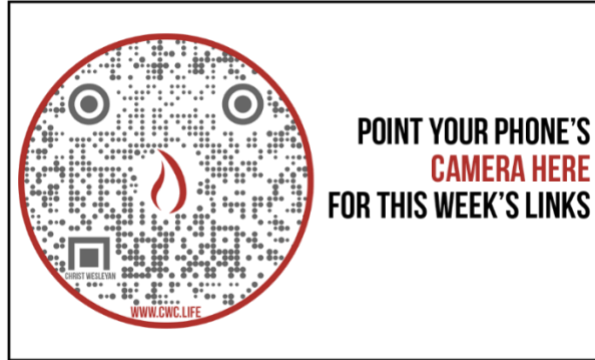
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Next Sunday:

Week 4: LiveLess: A Life of Thankfulness

Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach

Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 88.7% of goal

Giving year to date: 81.8% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 2,007

Salvations to date: 183 | Baptisms to date: 61

“Reach the One” Campaign Update:

\$1,304,435 pledged with 115 pledges received.

\$252,546.29 total received YTD

Want to pledge, donate, or learn more?

Scan the QR code below:



Upcoming Happenings:

November 23: Operation Christmas Child packing day!

10a-12p in the Milton Youth Center.

Christmas @ Christ Wesleyan!

December 14: Christmas Encounter 6p

December 24: Christmas Eve: Candle Lighting service

Milton Campus: 3p, 4:30p, 6p

Sunbury Campus: 3p and 4:30p

December 29: “Culture Wars: A Morning with Ruslan”

LIVE Morning Guest Speaker: Ruslan KD

(YouTube Influencer.)

Notetakers are History Makers