

*Quidnick Baptist Church*

*Communion Sunday*

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*Philippians # 36*

*“When many gains add up to a loss”*

*Philippians 3:7-11 Matthew 16:21-23*

*Romans 15:24ff Acts 21:20ff*

**“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep,  
to gain that which he cannot lose!”**

**Jim Elliot**

*“Whoever is not with Me is against Me and whoever does not gather with Me scatters.”  
Matthew 12:30*

**Philippians is Paul’s testimony to the congregation at Philippi of his journey from false to true confidence.**

**Saul was converted when he met**

**Jesus Christ on the Damascus road and suddenly he realized all that he counted as important up to that point in his life; his religious credits and background were immediately lost for his**

**Lord’s sake.**

**Prison ministry in the 1st century AD often meant a Christian was incarcerated for believing in and proclaiming Jesus Christ publicly and so, he witnessed of the power of God while in chains.**

**The past is only profitable if it relates positively to the present and there is no value in saying I counted things loss for Jesus Christ years ago, if today, I’ve let them back in and I’m enslaved by them.**

**Paul wants to know Jesus completely by the power of His resurrection but no one can know the power of His resurrection until they know the sufferings of His cross.**

**After breaking through the maturity barrier, Paul now recognizes that every area of human celebrity that conflicts with biblical truth is rubbish.**

**Paul has recovered from rebellion and recovered all biblical truth that he lost and having learned more, is now ready to take the Philippian congregation another step forward.**

**While Paul eventually intended to do the Lord’s will, his emotional lapse would seriously cost him.**

**When Paul arrived in Jerusalem in *Acts 21*, he was in full emotional rebellion and therefore vulnerable to the leaning of the area; Judaism, a form of rebellious legalism. No Bible teacher ever has to compromise in order to gain an audience for the teaching of the Word of God.**

**Again, a situation in which man meant it for evil but God meant it for good!**

**Paul has reached greater-grace but has not finished his course; he has not yet gained Christ, the first hint that after one breaks the maturity barrier, there's still some advancement remaining.**

**Paul will not be side-tracked from the Word by the great blessings that he had.**

***No man ever had a greater impact in life than the apostle Paul.***

**There's no greater demonstration of grace than positional sanctification at salvation through the ministry of**

**God the Holy Spirit.**

**We can't know Jesus Christ unless we take in His Word regularly.**

**To know the power or omnipotence of His resurrection is to have maximum knowledge of the Word through constant learning, believing, meditating and applying.**

**The more truth the believer knows, the more he understands the power of His resurrection, the power that raised**

**Jesus Christ from the dead.**

**The mature believer is under continuous satanic opposition and that's participation in His sufferings, totally underserved suffering.**

**It doesn't refer to His unique suffering in bearing our sins, for there is no way we can participate in those sufferings.**

***Paul is not concerned about how he's going to die, he just wants to get to the objective before he does.***

**We live our lives in the confidence that God started the work in us and He will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.**