

MARKS OF A TRUE BELIEVER: PART 2
KNOWING CHRIST IS EVERYTHING
Philippians 3:8

I. REVIEW:

A. *PAUL'S MINDSET BEFORE CHRIST: He had good earthly reason to be confident in the flesh (4-6)*

B. *PAUL'S MINDSET AT CONVERSION: All he saw in the past as religious gain or profit was counted as loss or damage for the sake of Christ (7)*

II. **PAUL'S CURRENT MINDSET: For Paul nothing compares to gaining and thus truly knowing Christ (8-11)**

A. **Paul continually counted all as loss in view of surpassing value of knowing Christ, his Lord (8a)**

1. Nothing compares to truly knowing Christ Jesus the Lord

2. For Christ Jesus, his Lord, Paul actually suffered total loss

B. **Paul understood that what was lost needed to be considered as worthless refuge in order to gain Christ and the glorious benefits of a real relationship with Him (8b-11)**

1. Even further, **Paul counts what was lost as worthless refuge...** (8b)

2. **...In order to gain Christ.** (It is all about Him!!!) (8b)

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3. **And be found in Him and His righteousness...** (9)

4. **...Unto intimate, relational, practical knowledge of Christ (10-11)**