

Fusion Sunday
All In
Philippians 3:1-16

Set up:

- In verse 2, Paul warns the Philippian believers to watch out for the dogs. He's referring to the Judaizers who basically taught that in order to really be saved and become a part of God's family, you first had to become a Jew by circumcision (Acts 15:1).
- But Paul says the children of God don't put confidence in the flesh/human works (V3)
- Paul doesn't say this because he lacks credentials (V4-6)
- I. **All That Really Matters is Knowing Christ** (V1-9)
- In verses 7-10, when Paul talks about gains and losses, he's using accounting language.
- The things that Paul used to consider assets (or gains), he now considers liabilities (losses) because of how great it is to know Jesus.

What do you have on your assets list that doesn't belong there?

- Paul actually considered *all* things as loss because of knowing Christ. He said that he considered it all rubbish, garbage, dung because of how great it is to know Jesus! (V8)
- He wanted to be found in Christ, having the righteousness that comes from God by faith rather than relying on his own attempts at righteousness (V9, Rom 3:10-11, 2 Cor 5:21)

Do you have things that you're relying on rather than Christ?

Do you know Christ? (Matt 7:21-23)

II. **Go All In to Know Christ More** (V7-11)

- All Paul wanted was to know Christ more and to become more like Him (V8, 10).
- Paul really was "all in" on knowing Christ (V8b, Philip 1:12-26)
- Paul wanted to experience the power of Christ's resurrection in his life and even wanted to share in his sufferings and become like Him in His death (V10-11).

Are you all in for Christ?

Is it your biggest goal to know Christ more?

Practical Application: Spend time every day seeking to know Christ and who He is on a deeper level.

Are you committed to obeying Christ, even when it's hard?

Do you have a burden for the lost? Do you want to become like Christ, who died to save sinners?

Are you committed to the mission of Christ? Not just in doing a week of mission but in living a lifestyle of mission sold out for Jesus? (Luke 9:23)

III. **Press on Towards the Goal** (V12-16)

- Paul knew he wasn't perfect yet (V12), but he pressed on towards the goal (V12-14).
- His goal was to know Christ in perfect relationship and to be perfect as Christ is perfect (V8-9, 14).
- We haven't arrived yet, but we press on