

THE ONLY TRUE GAIN IS
KNOWING CHRIST

Philippians 3:4-11

I. Paul's Meaningless Credentials – vs. 5-6

a. Ceremony – vs. 5a

Genesis 17:10-12

Acts 15:1

b. Bloodlines – vs. 5b-5c

Exodus 19:5-6

Romans 3:1-2

1 Samuel 9:21

Judges 1:21

Acts 22:3

c. Religious Accomplishment – vs. 5d-6

Acts 26:5

Acts 8:3

Acts 9:1-2

Acts 26:9-11

II. The Surpassing Worth Of “Knowing” Christ – vs. 7-11

Hyperéchō – surpass in value; surpassing greatness
Gnōsis - knowledge, understanding, acquaintance

John 10:14

John 17:3

2 Corinthians 4:6

Ephesians 1:17

Romans 1:21

Genesis 4:1

Amos 3:2

Acts 9:1-9, 17-18

Matthew 13:44-46

Skýbalon - any refuse, as the excrement of animals,
dung, rubbish, dregs.

a. Christ’s Righteousness – vs. 8c-9

Romans 3:19-20

Romans 7:9-13

2 Corinthians 5:21

1 Peter 2:24

b. The Power Of The Resurrection – vs. 10a

Romans 7:18

Romans 6:4-14

2 Corinthians 12:9

c. Fellowship Of Christ's Sufferings – vs. 10b

John 15:18-20

2 Corinthians 1:5-7

2 Corinthians 12:10

2 Timothy 1:8-12

d. Eternal Life – vs. 11

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Closing Thought: There is no way that anyone can work hard enough to get into the Kingdom of Heaven. The Apostle Paul makes perfectly clear that all of his earthly credentials were worthless, that the only thing of value is to KNOW Christ. Do you know Christ? If you do, you will be a humble servant, living in the power of Christ for God's profit. If you do not KNOW Christ, then you are aimlessly trying to be good enough to attain salvation and it will not happen. Trade in all of your credentials, repent of your sin, and KNOW Christ.