

Forsaking ALL for Christ

The true path of pursuing Christ Philippians 3:7-8

Introduction

7 But whatever things were **gain** to me, those things **I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ**. 8 More than that, **I count** all things to be **loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ** Jesus my Lord, **for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them** but rubbish so that I may **gain Christ**,

Matthew 13:44 The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Luke 14:33 so then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.

Matthew 19:21 If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.

Matthew 19:29 everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name's sake, will receive many times as much, and will inherit eternal life

Luke 14:26 If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple

2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich

#1 Forsaking all for Christ in the _____ is genuine SALVATION 7

7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

Philippians 3:5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

#2 Forsaking all for Christ in the _____ is genuine SANCTIFICATION ^{8a}

8a More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord,

John 17:3 This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent

#3 Forsaking all like _____ is worth it to GAIN Christ ^{8b}

8b for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,

Romans 8:31b If God is for us, who is against us?

Forsaking ALL for Christ is...

1 ...Why you _____ a Christian

John 17:3 This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent

2 ...What _____ you now as a follower of Christ in this world

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

3 ...Pointing to a danger you must _____ as a disciple

4... Why you want to go to _____

QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS - BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD...

- 1-Why does Paul list Philippians 3:7-8 in this context? Why are these verses here?
- 2-What kind of things do religious people today count as LOSS in order to turn to Christ in salvation?
- 3-What kind of things should be considered LOSS in the Christian life in order to enjoy KNOWING CHRIST?
- 4-Why does Paul use such strong terms about all things being EXCREMENT compared to knowing Christ?
- 5-How can you communicate to so-called believers that salvation involves counting all as LOSS in order to GAIN Christ?
- 6-What steps will you take in order to pursue KNOWING Christ this week?

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