

Philippians 3:2-11 (part 2)
What the mindset of Christ looks like in Paul's life

- 4) Christ puts a different perspective/mindset on things—3:7-11
 - a) Paul's past conscious decision—3:7
 - i) Concerning self—⁷ *But whatever things were profits* ① (3:4b-6) *for me,*
 - ii) Concerning Christ—*those things I regard* ① *as a loss/damage because of Christ.*
 - b) Paul's current (@ 25 years later) conscious decision—3:8a ⁸ *But more than that, ...*
 - i) Comparative perspective—*I now regard* ② *all things as a loss/damage ...*
 - (1) Why? *because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord,*
 - (a) *for whom I have suffered the loss/damage of all things,*
 - (b) At Paul's conversion to Christ, he forfeited all his previous "privileges."
 - (2) Paul lost nothing of eternal value. What he gained was of infinite value: Christ Himself.
 - ii) Shocking perspective—*and am regarding* ③ *them as worthless garbage,*
 - (1) Cf. Mark 8:35-38
 - iii) The very things that at one time were the basis of his identity, significance, and standing before God, Paul now regards as equivalent to that which is flushed away in the sewer. (Harmon)
 - c) What are the purposes of counting selfward gain as worthless garbage?—3:8b-11
 - i) Immediate purposes—3:8b-9
 - (1) Gaining real value in the present—*so that I may gain* ② (cf. 3:7a) *Christ,*
 - (a) Includes every blessing, every benefit of every aspect of His work
 - (2) Having one's character revealed at the Judgment—⁹ *and be found in Him,*
 - (a) Selfward righteousness—*not having my own righteous derived from the Law,*
 - (b) Godward righteousness—*but that which is ...*
 - (i) *through faith in Christ,*
 - (ii) *that righteousness which is from God*
 - (iii) *on the basis of faith,*
 - ii) Ultimate purpose—3:10-11 ¹⁰ *so that I may know ...*
 - (1) Whom/what?
 - (a) *Him* (cf. 3:8a; Ex. 33:3; Jer. 9:23-24; John 17:3; Col. 2:2-3)
 - (b) *and the power of His resurrection,*
 - (c) *and the participation of His sufferings,*
 - (2) How?
 - (a) Self-denial—*being conformed to His death;*
 - (b) A humble, self-reminder of a limited resurrection at the Rapture—¹¹ *if somehow I may arrive at the resurrection out from the dead.*

"Justification is the act of God whereby He declares to be righteous that sinner who has received the imputed righteousness of God by faith in Jesus Christ. Its *essence* is grace (Rom. 3:24), its *source* is God (Rom. 3:26), its *means* is faith (Rom. 3:28), its *foundation* is the blood of Christ (Rom. 5:9), its *sphere* is Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 6:11), its *agent* is the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:11), and its *evidence* is works (James 2:24)." (Gromacki)