

# Church in Regina

## The Enjoyment of Christ and Our Growth in Life unto Maturity—Week 2

### Give Up the World, Christ to Obtain

In Philippians 3:7 Paul says, "What things were gains to me, these I have counted as loss on account of Christ." The words gains and loss are both terms used in gambling. He counted all things that were gains to him now as loss because **all those things** which were **gains to him result in the loss of Christ**.

### Counting All Things to Be Loss

Not only did Paul reckon as loss his Hebrew heritage, his Greek education, and his ambitions and goals, but he even counted all things to be loss.

### On Account of the Excellency of the Knowledge of Christ

Paul counted it excellency to have the knowledge of Christ (v. 8b). This excellency does not refer only to Christ but also to the knowledge of Christ. Paul considered it **a matter of excellency to have more knowledge of Christ**. The Jews considered the law given by God through Moses as the highest treasure in human history. This is why they were so zealous for the law. Formerly, Paul was such a person. But when God revealed Christ in him (Gal. 1:15-16), he saw a preciousness, an excellency, an unparalleled worth, and an extraordinary value that far transcended the law. Because of such a knowledge of Christ, he was able to count it a matter of excellency to have the knowledge of Christ.

### Suffering the Loss of All Things, Counting Them as Refuse for the Gaining of Christ

Paul says, "I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ" (Phil. 3:8b). Here Paul uses the words loss and gain again. To the outsiders the way that he chose was a gamble. It was risky and could be dangerous. He had a very good background, he had received a high education and enviable positions, and he had a bright future. But **he gave all these up for another choice**. Was this not a dangerous gamble in the eyes of his contemporaries? But to Paul this was not dangerous because he knew God and His word. Paul knew what he was doing.

The reason I am speaking this message to the working brothers and sisters is that they are standing at the edge of a cliff. On the **one side is Christ**, and on **the other side is the world**. You can step over to the side of the world and fall, or you can step to the side of Christ and be lifted up. Today I have a burden to save your life. This is an eleventh-hour decision. You must not make the wrong choice. I am most thankful that on the afternoon I was saved in 1925, I made a right choice. I chose to have Christ and to reject the world. I have not regretted even until today. I believe that I will never regret this choice.

Many brothers and sisters among you are very clear within that they have to love the Lord and to stand on His side. But I am not sure about your condition. It seems that you are standing on the Lord's side. Yet you have left a bridge that links you to the world. **You have not removed the bridge, much less burned it down, after you crossed the river**. Abraham our forefather went to Canaan from Ur of the Chaldees. When he became weak, however, he did not return to Ur but went down to Egypt. Egypt is a place that is easy to return to. This message is my warning. Today, not only have I burned the bridge, but I have even lost my way of return. But you are all young and ambitious, or at least middle-aged and ambitious. What then shall you do? My burden this time is to infuse grace into you so that hopefully **through the grace of the Lord** your problems could be solved **once for all** and that you could say to the Lord, **"Lord, burn my bridge! I cannot burn it, but please burn it for me."** I hope that when you go home tonight, you would all have a bridge-burning prayer.

### Being Found in Christ

Not only did Paul suffer the loss of all things and count them refuse, but **he pursued to be found in Christ** (v. 9). Paul desired to be seen by others as a man in Christ. **In all things, great or small, and especially in his daily living, he was seen by others to be a man in Christ**. When we love the world and pursue after it, others will surely not recognize us as Christians, because our goals, inclinations, and tastes are all worldly. Christ is not manifested that much in us. Paul desired earnestly for Christ to be manifested in him. Not only was he free from sin and the world, but he was full of Christ. This is what he was pursuing after.

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### Local Announcements:

1. Prayer Mtg—May 14—Group 1 in person; Group 2 by Zoom
2. Visitation in Foam Lake—May 19
3. Winnipeg Conference Registration Deadline—May 26
4. Memorial Day Conference—May 24 to 27

### Conferences and Trainings Information:

1. Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference—Feb.10-11, Taipei, Taiwan
2. International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones—Apr.12-14, Anaheim, CA
3. Memorial Day Blending Conference—May 24-27, Bellevue, WA
4. Summer Training—July 1-6, Anaheim, CA
5. International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones—Oct.4-6, Warsaw, Poland
6. Thanksgiving Blending Conference—Nov.28-Dec.1, Atlanta, GA
7. Winter Training—Dec.23-28, Anaheim, CA

# Prayer Burdens

1. Lord, make our joy full not through outward things but through our abiding in You, abiding in Your love, and bearing fruit in Your life. You are the Source of our joy and are joy Himself.
2. Lord, we testify that You are the joy in our spirit, soul, and body. You are sovereign in all things and we enjoy all things because we are living in the reality of the kingdom where You have given Yourself to us to be our enjoyment.
3. Thank You, Lord for coming to us as food. You are the tree of life and the source of life. Recover the matter of our eating and our appetite for the Word.
4. Lord, cause our Christian life to be a life of eating, drinking, and enjoying You not only at Your table but in our daily life. Release us from the idea of working for You and bring us to more enjoyment.
5. Make us faithful, normal, and proper Christians who directly use our spirit and let our soul be followers of the spirit. Strengthen us to subdue our soul and be able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
6. Lord, we want to be righteous toward ourselves, have peace towards others, and have joy toward God in the Holy Spirit. We exult with joy that is unspeakable and full of glory. In You, there's always freshness and newness.

## North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the upcoming Memorial Day Conference in Bellevue, Washington on May 24 to 27. Make this feast profitable for all the saints in the Lord's Recovery through Your fresh speaking.

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1. Pray for the baptism of the new college students who will be joining the College Training.
2. Pray for the propagation work in Foam Lake and Moose Jaw. Strengthen the saints who are there to be a shining testimony. Remember their whole families and open them that there will be household salvation and lampstands in these places.
3. Pray for positive and immediate approval of all the immigration papers of the newcomers and their settling down, that their personal lives will be blessed and that their church life will be enriched:
  - > Sorronda Family (Dana and Yeska)
  - > Alforte Family (Radam and Rosalina)
  - > Orolfo Family (Wilson and Jenny and their three children)
  - > Jerome Family (Pravin and Abinaya and their two children)
  - > Miranda Family (Ann Margarete and her family)

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

- Lord's Table & Prophesying—Lord's Day 10:00-12:00PM
- Prayer Meeting—Tuesdays 7:00-8:00PM
- Home Meeting—Wednesdays 6:00-7:00PM
- Chinese-Speaking Bible Reading—MW 8:30-9:00PM
- College Meetings—Fridays 7:30-8:30PM
- YP Meetings—Fridays 7:00-8:00 PM
- Children's Meeting—Saturdays 10:00-11:00AM
- Small Group Meetings—Fridays/Saturdays 7:00-9:00PM

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