

A New Way of Thinking About Life and Faith

Philippians 3:1-11



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Father, may we abound in love more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that we may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ. Fill us with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to Your glory and praise. Amen

REMINDER (V.1)

“Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.”

It is impossible for any created good to constitute man’s happiness. For happiness is that perfect good which entirely satisfies one’s desire; otherwise it would not be the ultimate end, if something yet remained to be desired. Now the object of the will, i.e., of man’s desire, is what is universally good; just as the object of the intellect is what is universally true. Hence it is evident that nothing can satisfy man’s will, except what is universally good. This is to be found, not in any creature, but in God alone, because every creature has only participated goodness. Therefore, God alone can satisfy the will of man, according to the words of the Psalms (102:5): “Who alone satisfies your desire with good things.” Therefore, God alone constitutes man’s happiness.” (Aquinas: Summa Theologica Part 2. Q.1. Article 8)

Pursuing the highest good will always result in your greatest joy in the end!

WARNING (V.2-6)

“Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.”

Legalism sings: “Jesus paid most of it... I need to pay the rest.”

PERSPECTIVE (7-11)

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith - ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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2/10	204	\$ 1,245		
2/14	375	\$ 26,092	\$ 26,094	\$ + 1,243
	Budgeted YTD \$ 861,102	Offerings YTD \$ 944,568		\$ + 83,466

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