



"But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in[a] Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:7–14 (NIV)

What does he consider "garbage"?

He is now rejecting those things in order to gain something else. What?

Where does real righteousness come from? How do we get it?

What do you think it means to "know Christ"?

When Paul talks about attaining to the resurrection from the dead, what does he mean?

What kind of accomplishment is Paul striving for now?

If Paul, through the mystery of inter-temporal Internet access, could send a tweet to the author of Ecclesiastes, what might he say (<140 characters, pls)?