

CHRISTIAN ACCOUNTING

Philippians 3:4-11

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A Christian must rejoice *in the Lord*. We must be convinced that the Lord is our well-being and happiness; Jesus is our Joy!

But, how can we be Christian accountants who rejoice in the Lord? We need to do some Christian accounting and evaluate our spiritual profit and loss statement.

I. A Christian's Loss Column, vv.4-8

The first things in our loss column are counter-intuitive and counter-cultural:

A. All our personal assets—the good stuff

Not just his personal assets, but

B. Everything else goes in the loss column.

1. Anything you would consider personal, spiritual assets—things you want to boast in before God and others.
2. None of them will be accepted by God as assets for your trust or true joy! So, God says is that you are personally bankrupt, but you are not without hope!

II. A Christian's Profit Column, vv. 3-11

In one word, A Christian's profit is.

A. Christ

B. Knowing Christ

C. Union with Christ

We need to get serious and do some *Christian Accounting*. *Make a profit and loss statement*—or better-yet, look at the one God has given us in the Bible.

The Bible will tell you clearly that everything your flesh thinks is gain to you—it really adds up to nothing and less than nothing—garbage. But when you recognize that and come to God by faith in Jesus Christ, you have a profit statement that reads—all the spiritual treasures in heaven and on earth.

The Bible says that when you gain Christ by grace through faith, you have a relationship with Him that is personal and eternal—never to be taken away. He provides you with greater spiritual and eternal riches than all earthly wealth combined. When you depend on Christ, you are united with Him. And in Him you are complete and declared righteous in God's sight. Your access to heaven is secure and you have eternal life.

In the Lord, we are in a state of happiness and well-being forever!

