

Philippians 3:7-14

- Key phrases in 7-14 that identify what Paul values and strives for:
 - “for the sake of Christ”
 - “knowing Christ Jesus my Lord”
 - “For his sake”
 - “gain Christ”
 - “be found in him”
 - “that I may know him”
- These phrases are more than knowing the message of salvation and placing faith in Christ. This is the pursuit of a growing understanding of the person Jesus Christ who is the Creator, the Lord, the Savior, the Judge. Consider these verses and understand the infinite depth and breadth of the person God:
 - Hebrews 1
 - Colossians 1:15-20
 - Colossians 2:1-5
- Experiences Paul is seeking because of his identity in Christ, knowledge of Christ, relationship with Christ:
 - “power of his resurrection”
 - “share in his sufferings”
 - “becoming like him in his death”
 - “attain to the resurrection of the dead”

Philippians 3:7 – “But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

235 [e]	3748 [e]	1510 [e]	1473 [e]	2771 [e]	3778 [e]	2233 [e]	1223 [e]	3588 [e]	5547 [e]	2209 [e]
Alla	hatina	ēn	moi	kerdē	tauta	hēgēmai	dia	ton	Christon	zēmian
7 Ἀλλὰ	ἅτινα	ἦν	μοι	κέρδη	, ταῦτα	ἠγῆμαι	, διὰ	τὸν	Χριστὸν	, ζημίαν .
but	whatever things	were	to me	gain	these	I have esteemed	because of	-	Christ	loss
Conj	RelPro-NNP	V-IIA-3S	PPro-D1S	N-NNP	DPro-ANP	V-RIM/P-1S	Prep	Art-AMS	N-AMS	N-AFS

- “gain” and “loss” are accounting terms used in book keeping.
- The “gains” or “profits” are not just valueless or irrelevant in this new system, but they have become debts and liabilities.
- The assets have been transferred to the liabilities column
- Paul, the Jewish Pharisee, was now no further ahead than a pagan Gentile convert to Christianity!

Philippians 3:8 – “Indeed, 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

235 [e]	3303 [e]	3767 [e]	1065 [e]	2532 [e]	2233 [e]	3956 [e]	2209 [e]	1510 [e]	1223 [e]	3588 [e]	5242 [e]	3588 [e]	1108 [e]	5547 [e]
alla	men	oun	ge	kai	hēgoumai	panta	zēmian	einai	dia	to	hyperechon	tēs	gnōseōs	Christou
8 ἀλλὰ	μὲν	, οὖν	γε	, καὶ	ἡγοῦμαι	πάντα	ζημίαν	εἶναι	διὰ	τὸ	ὑπερέχον	τῆς	γνώσεως	Χριστοῦ
But	yes rather	Therefore	indeed	also	I count	all things	loss	to be	because of	the	excelling	-	knowledge	of Christ
Conj	Prtcl	Conj	Prtcl	Conj	V-PIMP-1S	Adj-ANP	N-AFS	V-PNA	Prep	Art-ANS	V-PPA-ANS	Art-GFS	N-GFS	N-GMS

2424 [e]	3588 [e]	2962 [e]	1473 [e]	1223 [e]	3739 [e]	3588 [e]	3956 [e]	2210 [e]	2532 [e]	2233 [e]	4657 [e]	2443 [e]	5547 [e]
Iēsou	tou	Kyriou	mou	di'	hon	ta	panta	ezēmiōthēn	kai	hēgoumai	skybala	hina	Christon
Ἰησοῦ	τοῦ	Κυρίου	μου	, δι'	ὄν	τὰ	πάντα	ἐζημιώθην	, καὶ	ἡγοῦμαι	σκύβαλα	, ἵνα	Χριστὸν
Jesus	the	Lord	of me	because of	whom	-	all things	I have lost	and	esteem [them]	rubbish	that	Christ
N-GMS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	PPro-G1S	Prep	RelPro-AMS	Art-ANP	Adj-ANP	V-AIP-1S	Conj	V-PIMP-1S	N-ANP	Conj	N-AMS

2770 [e]
kerdēsō
κερδήσω ,
I might gain
V-ASA-1S

- “Everything” is a liability (“loss” and not just valueless) outside of Christ
- “suffered the loss” is passive which means things were taken from him by someone else. He did actively “count”, “figure” or “calculate” everything was a loss, but that personal decision came with reactions from others. The response others had toward Paul’s decision caused him to lose all things.
- The **ta** before **panta** along with both of them, **ta panta**, coming before “I have lost” is clear indication that Paul had indeed lost everything from having made (or, calculated) his decision for Christ.
- In the papyri “have lost” (ezemiothen) is used to refer to being deprived of money, a fine or a creditor claiming what is owed him.
- “count as...rubbish”
 - “Count”-
 - “Rubbish” – can refer to human waste, manure, kitchen scraps, street garbage
- “knowing Christ Jesus the Lord”
 - Hosea 6:6 – “For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”
 - Hosea 4:1
 - Jeremiah 2:8; 4:22 and 22:16

Philippians 3:9 – “and 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—

2532 [e]	2147 [e]	1722 [e]	846 [e]	3361 [e]	2192 [e]	1699 [e]	1343 [e]	3588 [e]	1537 [e]	3551 [e]	235 [e]	3588 [e]	1223 [e]
kai	heurethō	en	autō	mē	echōn	emēn	dikaiosynēn	tēn	ek	nomou	alla	tēn	dia
9 καὶ	εὑρεθῶ	ἐν	αὐτῷ	, μὴ	ἔχων	ἐμὴν	δικαιοσύνην	, τὴν	ἐκ	νόμου	, ἀλλὰ	τὴν	διὰ
and	be found	in	him	not	having	my own	righteousness	which [is]	of	[the] law	but	that which	through
Conj	V-ASP-1S	Prep	PPro-DM3S	Adv	V-PPA-NMS	PPro-AF1S	N-AFS	Art-AFS	Prep	N-GMS	Conj	Art-AFS	Prep

4102 [e]	5547 [e]	3588 [e]	1537 [e]	2316 [e]	1343 [e]	1909 [e]	3588 [e]	4102 [e]
pisteōs	Christou	tēn	ek	Theou	dikaiosynēn	epi	tē	pistei
πίστεως	Χριστοῦ	, τὴν	ἐκ	Θεοῦ	δικαιοσύνην	, ἐπὶ	τῇ	πίστει ;
faith	in Christ	the	of	God	righteousness	on the basis of	-	faith
N-GFS	N-GMS	Art-AFS	Prep	N-GMS	N-AFS	Prep	Art-DFS	N-DFS

- “be found in him”
 - Paul was already “in Christ”
 - Aorist tense of the verbs “gain” and “be found” indicate a future time, likely the Day of Christ

Philippians 3:10 – “that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

3588 [e]	1097 [e]	846 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	1411 [e]	3588 [e]	386 [e]	846 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	2842 [e]	3588 [e]	3804 [e]	
tou	gnōnai	auton	kai	tēn	dynamin	tēs	anastaseōs	autou	kai	tēn	koinōnian	tōn	pathēmatōn	
10	τοῦ	γνῶναι	αὐτόν ,	καὶ	τὴν	δύναμιν	τῆς	ἀναστάσεως	αὐτοῦ ,	καὶ	[τὴν]	κοινωνίαν	[τῶν]	παθημάτων
-	to know	him	and	the	power	of the	resurrection	of him	and	the	fellowship	of the	sufferings	
Art-GNS	V-ANA	PPro-AM3S	Conj	Art-AFS	N-AFS	Art-GFS	N-GFS	PPro-GM3S	Conj	Art-AFS	N-AFS	Art-GNP	N-GNP	

846 [e]	4833 [e]	3588 [e]	2288 [e]	846 [e]
autou	symmorphizomenos	tō	thanatō	autou
αὐτοῦ ,	συμμορφιζόμενος	τῷ	θανάτῳ	αὐτοῦ ;
of him	being conformed	to the	death	of him
PPro-GM3S	V-PPMPF-NMS	Art-DMS	N-DMS	PPro-GM3S

- Paul knew Christ, but is here talking about an inexhaustible source available in the person God.
- “power of his resurrection” - Ephesians 1:19-20
 - Resurrection power can be manifest in a believer’s experience at all three phases of salvation:
 - Phase one – Justification – power over the penalty of sin
 - Phase two – Sanctification – power over the influence of sin
 - Phase three – Glorification – power over the presence of sin
- “share his sufferings”
 - Suffering for Christ is to suffer with him and for him
 - 2 Corinthians 1:5
 - Colossians 1:24
- “becoming like him in his death”
 - In life - “I die daily” in 1 Corinthians 15:31
 - In death – anticipating martyrdom

Philippians 3:11 – “that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

1487 [e]	4459 [e]	2658 [e]	1519 [e]	3588 [e]	1815 [e]	3588 [e]	1537 [e]	3498 [e]
ei	pōs	katantēsō	eis	tēn	exanastasin	tēn	ek	nekron
εἴ	πῶς	καταντήσω	εἰς	τὴν	ἐξανάστασιν	τὴν	ἐκ	νεκρῶν .
if	by any means	I might attain	to	the	resurrection	from	out of	dead
Conj	Adv	V-ASA-1S	Prep	Art-AFS	N-AFS	Art-AFS	Prep	Adj-GMP

- Paul is not uncertain that he will be resurrected, but as we see in 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, Paul was not sure if he would be resurrected after having died physically or if he would attain to the resurrection by being changed
 - The Greek *ei pos* means “if perhaps” or “if by any means”. This is also seen in:
 - Acts 27:12
 - Romans 1:10
 - Romans 11:14
- Exanastasis “resurrection” is nowhere else. This is the word *anastasis* (resurrection) with the prefix *ek* (“out”) added. This comes right before the words *ek nekron*, or ‘out of dead’. That makes this phrase read like this, “the out-of-resurrection from out of the dead”
 - Close parallel is Luke 20:35:

3588 [e]	1161 [e]	2661 [e]		3588 [e]	165 [e]	1565 [e]	5177 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	386 [e]		3588 [e]	1537 [e]
hoi	de	kataxiōthentes		tou	aiōnos	ekeinou	tychein	kai	tēs	anastaseōs	tēs	ek	
οἱ	δὲ	καταξιωθέντες		τοῦ	αἰῶνος	ἐκείνου	τυχεῖν ,	καὶ	τῆς	ἀναστάσεως	τῆς	ἐκ	
those	however	having been considered worthy		to the	age	that which [is]	to obtain	and	the	resurrection	which [is]	out from	
Art-NMP	Conj	V-APP-NMP		Art-GMS	N-GMS	DPro-GMS	V-ANA	Conj	Art-GFS	N-GFS	Art-GFS	Prep	

3498 [e]	3777 [e]	1060 [e]	3777 [e]	1061 [e]	
nekrōn	oute	gamousin	oute	gamizontai	
νεκρῶν ,	οὔτε	γαμοῦσιν	οὔτε	γαμίζονται ;	
[the] dead	neither	marry	nor	are given in marriage	
Adj-GMP	Conj	V-PIA-3P	Conj	V-PIMP-3P	

Luke 20:35

Philippians 3:12 – “Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

3756 [e]	3754 [e]	2235 [e]	2983 [e]		2228 [e]	2235 [e]	5048 [e]		1377 [e]	1161 [e]	1487 [e]	2532 [e]	2638 [e]		1909 [e]
ouch	hoti	ēdē	elabon		ē	ēdē	teteleiōmai		diōkō	de	ei	kai	katalabō		eph'
12	οὐχ	ὅτι	ἤδη	ἔλαβον ,	ἢ	ἤδη	τετελείωμαι ;		διώκω	δὲ ,	εἰ	καὶ	καταλάβω ,		ἐφ'
Not	that	already	I have obtained [it]	or	already	have been perfected	I am pursuing		however	whether	also	I might lay hold	of		
Adv	Conj	Adv	V-AIA-1S	Conj	Adv	V-RIMP-1S	V-PIA-1S		Conj	Conj	Conj	V-ASA-1S	Prep		

3739 [e]	2532 [e]	2638 [e]		5259 [e]	5547 [e]	2424 [e]	
hō	kai	kateiēmphthēn		hypo	Christou	Iēsou	
ᾧ	καὶ	κατελήμφθην ,		ὑπὸ	Χριστοῦ	Ἰησοῦ .	
that which	also	I was laid hold of		by	Christ	Jesus	
RelPro-DNS	Conj	V-AIP-1S		Prep	N-GMS	N-GMS	

Philippians 3:13 – “Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

80 [e]	1473 [e]	1683 [e]	3756 [e]	3049 [e]	2638 [e]		1520 [e]	1161 [e]	3588 [e]	3303 [e]	3694 [e]
adelphoi	egō	emauton	ou	logizomai	kateilēphenai		hen	de	ta	men	opisō
13	ἀδελφοί ,	ἐγὼ	ἐμαυτὸν	οὐ*	λογίζομαι	κατελιφέναι .	ἐν	δέ :	τὰ	μὲν	ὀπίσω
Brothers	I	myself	not	do consider	to have taken hold [of it]	one thing	however	the things	indeed	behind	
N-VMP		PPro-N1S	PPro-AM1S	Adv	V-PIMP-1S	V-RNA	Adj-ANS	Conj	Art-ANP	Conj	Adv

1950 [e]		3588 [e]	1161 [e]	1715 [e]	1901 [e]
epilanthanomenos		tois	de	emprosten	epekteinomenos
ἐπιλανθανόμενος ,		τοῖς	δὲ	ἔμπροσθεν	ἐπεκτεινόμενος ,
forgetting		to the things	moreover	ahead	reaching forward
V-PPMP-NMS		Art-DNP	Conj	Adv	V-PPMP-NMS

Philippians 3:14 – “I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

2596 [e]	4649 [e]	1377 [e]	1519 [e]	3588 [e]	1017 [e]		3588 [e]	507 [e]	2821 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	1722 [e]	5547 [e]	2424 [e]
kata	skopon	diōkō	eis	to	brabeion		tēs	anō	klēseōs	tou	Theou	en	Christō	Iēsou
κατὰ	σκοπὸν	διώκω	εἰς	τὸ	βραβεῖον ,		τῆς	ἄνω	κλήσεως	τοῦ	Θεοῦ ,	ἐν	Χριστῷ	Ἰησοῦ .
toward	[the] goal	I press on	for	the	prize		of the	upward	calling	-	of God	in	Christ	Jesus
Prep	N-AMS	V-PIA-1S	Prep	Art-ANS	N-ANS		Art-GFS	Adv	N-GFS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	Prep	N-DMS	N-DMS