

The First Step—Part 6 **September 14/15, 2013**
Philippians 3:7-11

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) If you are a believer in Jesus, you stand faultless before the throne!
- 2) To be effective in your walk with God here on earth requires knowledge of the nature & character of God toward you.
- 3) Many Christians vastly misunderstand not only the power in prayer, but also their standing before God.
- 4) 3:7 By God’s marvelous grace, those things that Paul wrongly imagined would give him eternal life were replaced by the matchless benefits that were his in Christ.
- 5) 3:8 In order to take the steps that lead to a more mature walk in Christ, some things have to be left behind.
- 6) 3:8 The surpassing knowledge of Christ that Paul describes here is far more than mere intellectual knowledge of the facts about Him.
- 7) 3:8 For the privilege of knowing Jesus, Paul gladly suffered the loss of everything.
- 8) 3:9 Jesus alone provides the righteousness we need. There is absolutely nothing we can do to add to it.
- 9) 3:9 When a sinner embraces Jesus as Lord, God treats that sinner as if he lived Christ’s sinless life (Isaiah 53; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24).
- 10) 3:10 To “know Christ” means to have a personal relationship with Him through faith.

11) 3:10 The same power which brought Christ from the dead operates in believers since we have been “raised with Christ” (Colossians 3:1).

12) 3:10 Christ’s resurrection power sanctifies all believers to defeat temptation and trials, to lead a holy life, and to boldly proclaim the gospel.

GREEK WORDS

Huperchon—something of incomparable worth

Skubalon—rubbish; very strong word rendered as
“waste”/“dung”/“manure”

Dunamis—power; ability to overcome resistance