

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for August 17-18, 2002

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"Paul's Spiritual Accounting Practices"

Philippians 3:4-11

What are the positive ramifications of gaining Christ?

The first positive ramification of gaining Christ is knowledge.

The word for "knowing" (GNOSIS), when it is used with a personal object as it is used here, refers to knowing in terms of a relationship or experience.

The second positive ramification of gaining Christ is righteousness.

Knowing the Lord and possessing the righteousness of God are inseparable.

Anyone who believes that they can enter into a relationship with God based on their own good works is self-righteous and stands condemned (Luke 18:9-14).

Paul took possession of God's righteousness by exercising faith in Christ.

When we exercise faith in Christ we are spiritually joined to Him.

God is not only free to receive us, or in other words to forgive us, when we approach Him through faith in His Son, He must receive us and forgive our sins (2 Corinthians 5:21).