

Outcast
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This is part of Paul's spiritual auto-Biography in which he looks at the things he has accomplished in a secular world as compared to the things he now possess as a child of God... I hope you recognize that Paul is pointing out that material possessions will never never satisfy the true inner man. Friend what part do things play in your life this morning. Are they the most important aspects of life... do they head the list of accomplishments in your life... Would you be willing to put things and that means wealth and fame and success above spiritual fulfillment. You see there's really nothing wrong with things (until) your happiness your fulfillment depends on them and find when that takes place your priorities are in the wrong place... you've got the emphasis in the wrong place and God give us all things to enjoy... that's what the bible says... There's nothing wrong in having a beautiful home, nothing wrong with money or nice attire... but when these things + the stuff of the world get in the way of religious priorities they are in the wrong place... God teaches us that we're to count all things as lost in comparison to the glory of the cross... and before that can happen he must be first... he must be Lord and Paul is saying to you and to me be very careful / don't let the stuff of this world drag you down... don't let things control your life / don't let the stuff of the world come before the Lord... Jesus said... SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AND THEN ALL THINGS WILL BE ADDED UNTO YOU... Folks there are thousands of people who have this basic principle of life out of focus... Instead of putting Jesus first and seeking the kingdom they are putting themselves first and then maybe later in life when they find time for him... they try half heartily to seek the kingdom... But God says that's wrong... that's backwards... that's getting the cart before the horse.. and we haven't learned yet what God is really saying in the 13 chp. of the Gospel of Luke..

There Jesus said... take heed... Beware of conventional... for a man's life doesn't consist in the abundance of the things of the world... My friend there is nothing wrong with things until they usurp God's authority...

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things of this world arent very important when you (compare) them to the glory of God.....Paul tried it.....He listed all the positives things he could think abt on this side and then he listed all the ~~things he could think abt on this side~~ *spiritual rewards on this side and then* ~~and~~ *he compared the two +* I want to ~~show~~ show you what he discovered.....

Paul begins this accounting process in verse 5...Here is his list of things that were once so very important to him...These are the things that he once believed (gave) him assurance of eternal life...Look at them for a moment.. In verse five he talks abt the proper ritual... *I v5*

The proper (formular)...If you will...He says ~~he was circumcised on t~~ ~~he~~ eight day...and he was simply saying that since that time of ~~his birth~~ *that his religion required of a person + he thought he was saved* he had done the things ~~according to his religion~~...Boy was he fooled...But so are many today.....becasue there are still people who thing that the proper ritual will get you heaven...for instance some believer that becaslue they were brought up in a xian home and reared in a xian church ~~they~~ they will ultimate make it to heaven ~~if they are good~~...and moral and religious...boy will they be fooled ~~but thats in pauls cellum~~ *Paul* He thought ~~the rite formular~~ would get him to heaven... *But*

Then he indicates that he had the rite relationship...Mah he was a Jew...and thatts like being ~~bron~~ ~~in~~ in the church....listen I know some floks who ~~becasue they belong to a church~~ ~~associate~~ associate (church membership) with salvation... They believe that as long as they are in church their saved...but you cant assocaitte church member ip or religion with salvation. *Read* the bible taks abt a (new birth) a (new concersion) and thats what you need.... If your going to be saved your going to need jesus christ...Paul says I ~~have~~ *had* the ~~proper ritual~~ (proper ritual)..ive got the rite relationship ship)...but even that want enough...so he list something else.... *Summary Read*

FRIBE of Bars So he lists more things...Paul said on top of all that Im ~~Baptist~~ Baptist..(southern Baptist) and ~~Oh my we all know that every baptist is going to heaven~~...dont we...No afriad not....Paul says that even the rite domination if there is such a thing want get you to heaven....Man you can join every dom.

in towa and still die an go to hell... ~~Paul says demon will not save you.~~

But wait Paul had more...^{IV} He said I was of the (proper ~~race~~ race.)
an) beside that I was at the top of the (social ladder)... I was the Hebrew man of
the year... I had the rite (social) creditals... But man begin an American is not
goint to get you to heaven no more than being a good moral englishman... Listen
~~folks~~ folks I respect my flag and Im glad to be an americal (but) freind my first loyal
ity lies wth the Bible... simply becasue being an american ~~has not saved the first~~ ^{will not save you}
person...

Then Paul says that he had the (proper reputation)... Man he was
moral man a good man... Paul says that he was a Pharsiee and floks those people were
more religious than the fired up Baptist preaching Listen the pharasiess were
religious folks... ~~but yet jesus said unless your righteousness exceeds that of the~~
~~pharisees you'll not make it...~~ (self righteousness) will not get you to heaven,
so a proper reputation is not the answer and neither is being sencer... look at
versev 6... Paul says (REad) ^{as to zeal a persecutor of the Church}

Man paul didnt think it was wrong to persecute the chruch... He was
Saul of Tarus... He was ready and willing to stamp out those radical religious
people known as xians... (I believe Paul was sincer in what he was doing, (but)
sincerity ~~has never saved a person~~ ^{is not salvation}... Listen friend there are alot of sincer
people out preaching and teaching the doct of hell... sencer yes saved no way...
You can be sincerly wrong and spend an eternity in hell... Paul was zealous as
he persecuted the chruch and those young men ~~that~~ who give up 2 yrs of their live
to prograte an erronous doct of ~~hell~~ are zealous and sincer but they are wrong...

And those didicated men and women who came knocking on your door progragiting
a hellish doct that ~~denounces~~ denounces the vigin bith and denouces hell ane good
and moral and zealous people but they are wrong...

^{People} Listen dear people paul was zealous but he was wrong and he discovered
his error on the damacouas road... and that incounter with the risen lord cange
saul the percuter saul the killer into Paul the persecuted... Paul the christian
paut the missiornary the sercant for jesus chist...

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2 Cor 11: 23

All listen do you think an intelligent person like paul would have given his life for a lie...do you think he would have been willing to take the abuse and the stonings and then die for a lie...no Paul discovered the truth in jesus christ and thats called the new birth...

and that comes by way of faith in jesus christ where by you repent of your sins ~~and~~.....

but there is something else...Paul thought that (being good) and (moral) would place him high atop the righteous ladder of success...because he says I was blameless in the law...Oh listen friend ~~these~~ those people looked at paul and others like him ~~who~~ who were goodm moral up standing religious sybmoly s in their community ~~and~~ blameless under the law and said there are the people who are bound for glory...but jesus said unless your righteousness excess that of the pharisees you will all likewise parish...man if thats true lord who will be ablt to enter the kingdom...and the answer is found in jesus christ himself.....look

at verse 7 & 8...BUT WHATEVER GAIN I HAD, I COUNTED AS LOSS FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST INDEED I COUNT EVERYTHING AS LOSS (BECAUSE) OF THE PASSING WORTH OF KNOWING CHRIST JESUS AS MY LORD.....

A tell you that paul balanced the load....He looked at the evidence He examimed the goods) and when saw the living resurrected lord he said...FOR HIS SAKE I HAVE SUFFERED (THE LOSS OF ALL THINGS) AND COUNT THEM AS REFUSE IN ORDER THAT I MAY GAIN CHRIST AND BE FOUND IN HIM NOT HAVING RIGHTEOUSNESS OF MY OWN BASED ON THE LAW BUT THAT WHICH IS THGROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST THE RIGTEOUSNESS FROM GOD...

LISTEN MAN Paul gave it all up in order to follow jesus...He gave up his social prestiage...his family...his frineds..his position...his reputatam...man paul emptied himself and gave his all for the sake of jesus christ...Look Paul was somebody in jewish cirvcles...but he gave it all up when he meet jesus on that damzaus road.....

Paul made his choice that day....He chose jesus...and today your walking your damacus road....whom will chose...The evidence is in//////God wants to trade his righteouness for yours and yours is not worthy much.....yours addes up to zero when compared to the glory of jesus christ.....

but god wants to give you his forgiveness,,his power..his grace and presences and ~~and~~ heaven too and thats a bargin you cant afford to turn down....