

Saul of Tarsus @ 65 AD

Philippians 3:7-11

Whatever was once seen as assets to me, I have come to regard as liabilities through Christ. I now regard them like this because of the exceeding superiority of knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord. I consider all else to be damaging. For his sake I have accepted the loss of everything, and consider it all as dung; so that I might gain Christ and be found in him, not having my own achieved righteousness, based on the Law, but that which is through the faithfulness of Christ, (God's righteousness, founded on faith) so that I may know him in the power of his resurrection, and fellowship in his sufferings by being conformed to his death, so that somehow, in some way, I might attain to the resurrection from the dead.

It is not that I have secured it already, nor yet reached my goal, but I am still pursuing it in the attempt to take hold of the prize for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not think of myself as having taken hold of it; I can only say that forgetting all that lies behind me, and pushing forward to what lies before, I strive forward to the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 1:18-22

Galatians 5:1-6; 6:11-16

Philippians 3:1-3

Colossians 2:9-17

Romans 7:1-6

Ephesians 3:14-19