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'Finally my brothers and sisters,  
rejoice in the Lord.  
It is not trouble for me to write the  
same things to you again,  
and it is a safeguard for you.'

Philippians 3:1

2. What If\_general slide



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Legalism is substituting a  
relationship with Jesus Christ  
based on what  
**HE** has done for me  
with rules and regulations that  
**I must follow**

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If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless

Philippians 3:4-6

4. What If\_general slide



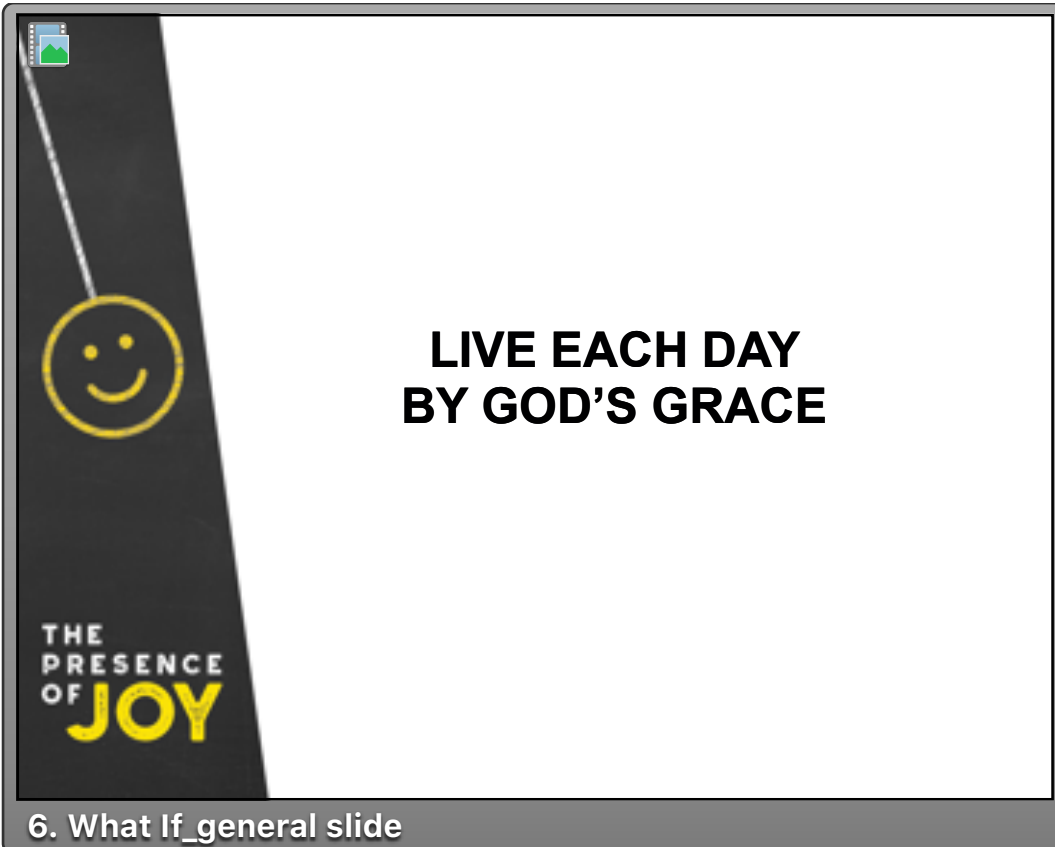
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## Paul's Tick list

- A. Right Ritual: ✓
- B. Right Race: ✓
- C. Right Family: ✓
- D. Right Religion: ✓
- E. Right Occupation: ✓
- F. Right Zeal: ✓
- G. Right Morality: ✓

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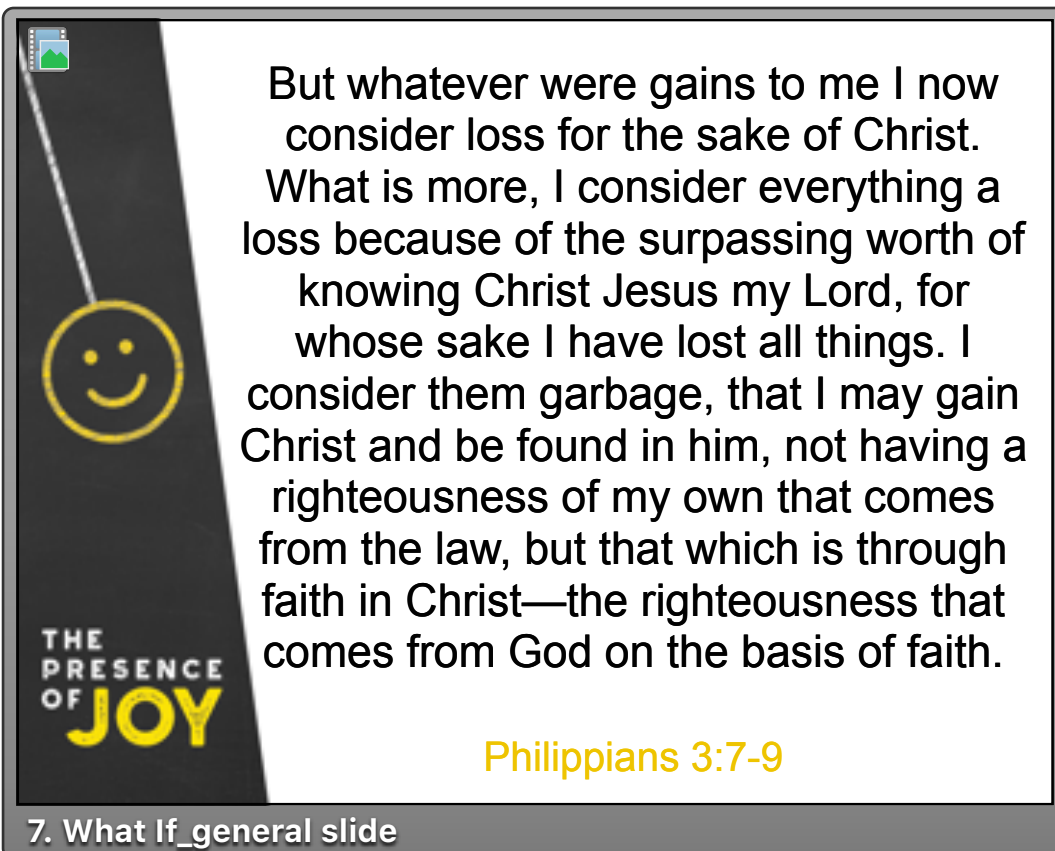




**LIVE EACH DAY  
BY GOD'S GRACE**

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6. What If\_general slide



But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

**Philippians 3:7-9**


7. What If\_general slide



**PAUL'S P&L**

<b>Profit</b> Jesus Christ	<b>Loss</b> Ritual Race Family Religion Occupation Zeal Morality
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**“Skubala”**  
**“σκύβαλα”**

Dung, human excrement,  
garbage, crap”

“S” bomb

modern Greek lexicon--BDAG


9. What If\_general slide



The very credentials these people are waving around as something special, I'm tearing up and throwing out with the trash—along with everything else I used to take credit for. And why? Because of Christ. Yes, all the things I once thought were so important are gone from my life. Compared to the high privilege of knowing Christ Jesus as my Master, firsthand, everything I once thought I had going for me is insignificant—dog dung. I've dumped it all in the rubbish bin so that I could embrace Christ and be embraced by him. I didn't want some petty, inferior brand of righteousness that comes from keeping a list of rules when I could get the robust kind that comes from trusting Christ—God's righteousness.

**Philippians 3:7-9 (MSG)**

10. What If\_general slide



I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

**Philippians 3:7**

“That I may be found in him.”

**Philippians 3:9**

I gave up all that inferior stuff so I could know Christ personally, experience his resurrection power, be a partner in his suffering, and go all the way with him to death itself. If there was any way to get in on the resurrection from the dead, I wanted to do it. **Philippians 3:10-11**

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"may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

**Ephesians 3:18-19**

12. What If\_general slide



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Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

**Philippians 3:12-14**

13. What If\_general slide



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