

**What is most important in life? – Philippians 3:4-8**  
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**Introduction**

- What do many people feel gnawing away inside them?
- Does the Bible address the question: “What is most important in life?”
- Who wrote the passage we’re looking at this morning?

**1. The Wrong Answer**

- What had been most important to Paul in **v4-6**?
- What were the Pharisees like?
- What did Paul do to those he thought were living the wrong way?
- What did Paul think about his standard of righteousness?
- Do many people agree with him today that this is most important?
- What are four other answers people might give to the question: “What is most important in life?”
  - (i)
  - (ii)
  - (iii)
  - (iv)
- In **v7**, what does Paul think about the answer he had given before?
- What would he think of those four answers others give?

**2. The Right Answer**

- What does Paul say is most important in life in **v8**?
- What is the first reason why knowing Christ is surpassingly great?
- What are some of Christ’s characteristics?
- Why does this make knowing him so good?

- What strong thing does Paul say about everything else compared to knowing Christ?
- What is the second reason why knowing Christ is surpassingly great?
- How is hell described in the Bible?
- What did Jesus do, unseen by everyone, as he died on the cross?
- How painful was that?
- What three things are involved in starting to know Christ?
  - (i)
  - (ii)
  - (iii)
- Have you done that?