

## ***“The Gems of All Gems”***

pt. 18 — Philippians 3:4-8

### **To Live is Christ**

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#### INTRODUCTION

- transformed values

Gen. 19:16-26; Lk. 17:31-32; Mt. 16:26

- what is of greatest value to you?

#### *1. What Paul formerly considered valuable* (3:5-6)

- what Paul inherited from his parents

+ circumcised on the 8th day

+ an Israelite

+ of the tribe of Benjamin

- what Paul earned on his own

+ a Hebrew of Hebrews  
Acts 26:4

+ a Pharisee

+ a zealous Pharisee

+ a zealously blameless Pharisee

#### *2. What Paul came to understand as truly valuable*

(3:7-8)

- Paul's blinding light

Acts 9:1-9

- finding the gem of all gems

Mt. 13:44-47

- behind Paul's thinking...

+ God's standard of perfection

Mt. 5:20, 48

+ man's sin stain

Isa. 64:6

+ need for Christ's righteousness

Gal. 2:16

