

**JESUS IS BETTER
THAN RELIGION**
Philippians 3:1-9

1 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

2 Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.

3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—

4 though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:

5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;

6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—^(ESV)

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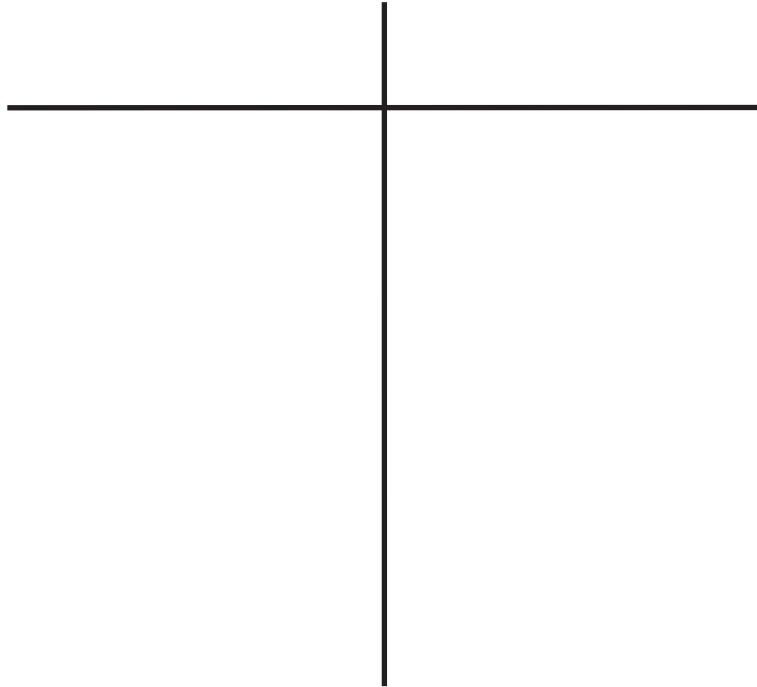
APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Following the example of the Apostle Paul, share with someone else the content of your testimony. Here are a few questions to consider and feel free to fill out this Cross Chart as a help:

-What did you consider gain before you met Jesus?

-How do you now consider these same things loss?

-What new life have you gained in Christ?



SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY:

Double Down on 1 John!

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Monday	1 John 1	Psalm 51	v9 promises that when we confess our sins God will forgive us. Read about how David experienced this promise in Psalm 51.
Tuesday	1 John 2	Jeremiah 31	v27 says that we have been anointed and do not need to be taught because we know God. Read Jeremiah 31 about our New Covenant relationship with God.
Wednesday	1 John 3	Genesis 3	v11-15 refer to Cain and Abel. Read Genesis 4 to get the full story as we study the antithesis between hate and love.
Thursday	1 John 4	Dueteronomy 13, 18:15-22	v1-6 give us a doctrinal test to see if a message is really from God. Go back to the Law to evaluate false prophets and then the prophecy of the true Prophet.
Friday	1 John 5	Exodus 32	v21 warns us about idols. See how the Israelites fell into idolatry so we can learn from their example.