



Daily Reflections

November 3, 2016

Scripture

Philippians 3:3-8

Brothers and sisters:

We are the circumcision,
we who worship through the Spirit of God,
who boast in Christ Jesus and do not put our confidence in flesh,
although I myself have grounds for confidence even in the flesh.
If anyone else thinks he can be confident in flesh, all the more can I.
Circumcised on the eighth day,
of the race of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin,
a Hebrew of Hebrew parentage,
in observance of the law a Pharisee,
in zeal I persecuted the Church,
in righteousness based on the law I was blameless.
But whatever gains I had,
these I have come to consider a loss because of Christ.
More than that, I even consider everything as a loss
because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

Our Scripture Reflection

Converting to Jesus Christ was a major event for Paul. He had been a circumcised Jew, completely and flawlessly committed to Jewish Law and life. But then came Jesus and everything changed. When Paul turned his life over to Jesus, he COMPLETELY gave up his past for a new life in Christ. What a commitment.

Food for your Journey

"I've never been in a situation like this. Everything I had in the world was in that house. I don't have anything but Jesus now." Carolyn Johnson, 73-year-old Georgia widow whose house was lost in summer flooding.

--As quoted by Jerelyn Eddings, "Finding Shelter From the Storm in Georgia," *U.S. News & World Report*, 25 July 1994, 8.

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, I surrender my life this day to You. All that I am belongs to You. Use me this day as an instrument of Your love and peace. Amen.

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