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# SCRIPTURE

PHILIPPIANS 3:7 – 12



## **Philippians 3:7 – 12**

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.



## **Philippians 3:7 – 12**

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. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his-



## **Philippians 3:7 – 12**

resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

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.





**PHILIPPIANS**



# God wants us to be confident



not just knowledgeable



## Philippians 3:3 – 4

"...we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who **boast** in Christ Jesus, and who put no **confidence** in the flesh—though I myself have reasons for such **confidence**. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put **confidence** in the flesh, I have more..."

**The need assumed,  
the basis discussed**





# Confidence



## Strategic Reasons



"Supremacy"

Am I gonna succeed?

## Moral Reasons



"Righteousness"

Should I succeed?





**Escaping confidence  
"in the flesh"**





# Confidence

It's not hokey because the C's are literally all in the passage...except #3 is a stretch: 'beComing'

## 1. Consideration

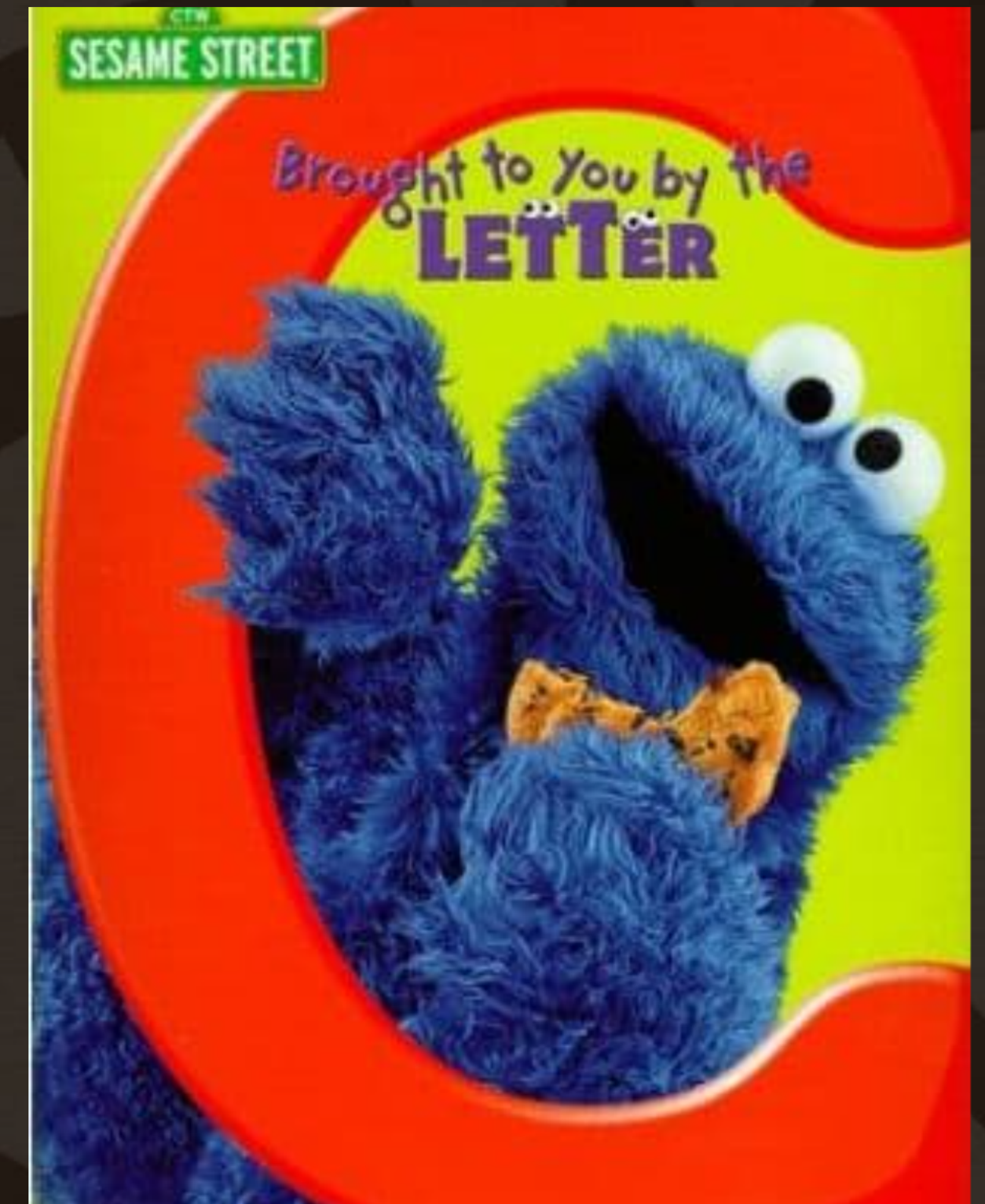
Jesus is the profit, flesh the loss

## 2. Comparison

Garbage vs Supremacy

## 3. Conformation

I want to know Him...





Our confidence is in  
belonging to Christ  
Jesus himself.

by believing IN Him.



**Everything else** is a  
confidence liability



(Not bad, a liability)





1.

Confidence requires  
new **consideration.**

What is really profit and  
liability in light of Christ?



## Philippians 3:7 – 9

“But whatever was to my profit I now **consider** loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I **consider** everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I **consider** them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him...”





2.

Confidence building  
consideration requires  
**comparison.**



How BIG is the proportional  
difference?



# 2 main "superiors"

1. The Knowledge of Christ Jesus.
2. The Righteousness of Christ.



# Supremacy of the knowledge of Christ

## Philippians 3:8

"What is more, very much to the contrary, also, I myself consider everything to be a liability compared to the superiority of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them refuse, that I may gain Christ"



# Comparision:

Everything



The Supremacy  
of the knowledge  
of Christ.





## 2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the **light** of the **knowledge** of the **glory** of God in the **face of Christ**.



# Further study:

2 Peter 1:2 – 9

Colossians 2:1 – 4

Ephesians 3:16 – 21

2 Corinthians 4:5 – 7, 10:5



# Righteousness of Christ

**Philippians 3:8 – 9**

I consider them refuse, that I may gain Christ and may be found in him, **not having a righteousness of my own** that comes from the law, but **that which is through the faithfulness of Christ**—the **righteousness** that comes from God and is **by faith**.

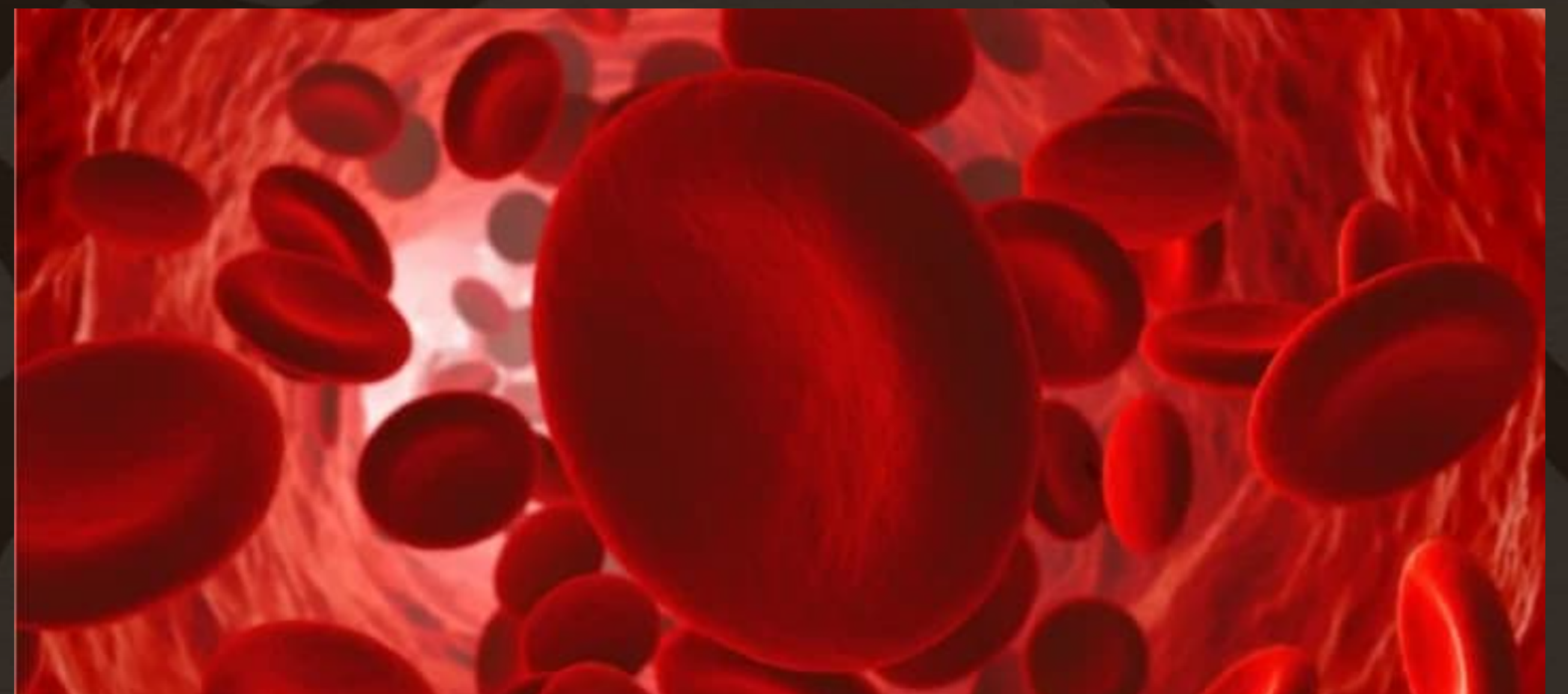


# Comparison

Righteousness  
from my  
faithfulness



Righteousness  
from Christ's  
faithfulness







3.

**Confidence and  
confirmation are  
mutually reinforcing.**

We'll become what we  
confidently believe.



## Philippians 3:10 – 12

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, being conformed to his death, and so, somehow, I should arrive into the resurrection from the dead...



# Gaining the knowledge and righteousness of Christ

through faith

**TO KNOW**

Him: Christ

The resurrection power

The fellowship of his sufferings

The conformity to his death

The coming into the resurrection



## Philippians 3:10 – 12

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.





**PHILIPPIANS**