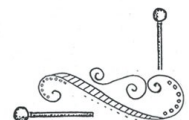
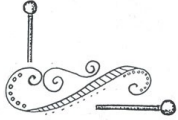


Indeed, I count everything as loss
because of the surpassing worth of

knowing

CHRIST JESUS

my Lord



Sermon Questions

1. Think about it before the sermon begins: Does gain come through loss? Does joy come through self-denial? (Yes/No/Not Sure)
2. The false teachers described in verses 2 and 3 are the Egyptian magicians who were trying to deceive the Philippians? (Yes/No)
3. If we are going to be joyful people, we must watch out for false teaching. (Yes/No)
4. The world tells you to believe in yourself, the Bible says to believe in _____.
5. Why will we be led to despair when we try to make the rules and define who we will be?
 - a. Our emotions, imaginations, and self-centered desires often contradict.
 - b. We don't even understand what we really want.
 - c. Making the rules or ourselves is an illusion. We can't escape God's reality. We can't create reality like God can.
 - d. Parents will constantly see to it that we have no fun.

What's the key to joy then if the world's promise of happiness is temporary at best, illusory in reality, and harmful and hell-bound at its worst? Answer: the gospel!

6. Paul had everything a Jew would desire in his day. (Yes/No)
7. Paul abandoned his righteousness to take hold of the righteousness of Jesus. (Yes/No)
8. Was self-righteousness exposed in your life? (Yes/No)

9. What will your response be?
- a. Celebrate in the righteousness of Jesus Christ through faith in him.
 - b. Despair, not willing to let go of self-righteousness.
 - c. Disbelief, not accepting what the Bible says.
 - d. Other: _____

10. How are you going to practically seek for joy in the Lord in 2016?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

The principles of gain through loss, of joy through sorrow, of getting by giving, of fulfillment by laying down, of life out of death is what the Bible teaches, and the people who have believed it enough to live it out in simple, humble, day-by-day practice are people who have found the gain, the joy, the getting, the fulfillment, the life.

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