

## Sermon Notes (Oct 8) – To Be in Christ and His Grace in All Circumstances

### Philippians 3:4-14

#### I. Paul's circumstances while writing this letter.

Paul is in \_\_\_\_\_

Paul is expecting he could be put to \_\_\_\_\_. (1:19-24)

The church in Philippi is struggling with external threats and some internal struggles.

The Roman government was becoming unfriendly towards Christians because they would not follow worship of the emperor.

#### II. From the world's view Paul had been successful in his old life. (vs 4-6)

Very good family lines in \_\_\_\_\_. (Judaism was accepted by the Roman government, Christianity was not.)

High up in powerful religious group, Pharisees.

(Highly educated. He had been given power to persecute Christians.)

Paul had been \_\_\_\_\_ .

#### III. But now as a Christian, Paul realized all these circumstances were \_\_\_\_\_ compared to being in Christ. (7-8)

His personal standing, his education, his powerful connections were \_\_\_\_\_ as goodness, righteousness, before God.

#### IV. In every circumstance to be in Christ and His \_\_\_\_\_ .

Willing to lose all in this world, and to suffer, to have Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ and...

Looks forward to the \_\_\_\_\_. [Why worldly success? To love \_\_\_\_\_ ]