

## Message Notes On Philippians 3

### "PRICELESS"

- The one thing priceless is knowing Christ, my God. Compared to Him, the things the world holds dear are worthless and sometimes dangerous because they crowd Him out.

- 3:7 "I once thought all these things were so very important, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord. I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I may have Christ, and become one with him."

- **Priceless things from knowing Jesus.**

- In Jesus we have a chance to meet the Maker of the world. He is light in the murky darkness of life on this planet. He shows us that there is great purpose behind our existence and universe, that we are *the* major player in it. Great goodness and amazing possibilities are planned by God for every person.

- Jesus convinces us that as His brethren we are not just a smart ape but the sons and daughters of God - In his image - Of his DNA.

- Jesus, our friend, walks through the valley of the shadow of death to a new sky and earth where God dwells.

- Jesus sets us free and enables us to escape from a malignant, hopeless and shameful selfishness. He enables us to become like Him.

- Because of Jesus, we call out for joy in a day when life is not giving us much happiness and sunshine floods our soul.

- Because of Jesus we can say to ourselves ..... "I have met my God and I am His friend."

- **We see Jesus.** 1 John 1:1-3 "The ONE who existed from the beginning is the one we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. **He is Jesus Christ**, the Word of life."

- **The Worst Thing.** "Death isn't the worst thing that can happen to us. Suffering isn't the worse thing that can happen. Rejection isn't the worst thing that can happen. Poverty and illness aren't the worst things that can happen. The worst thing is to be without meaning, without love, without purpose, without hope--- without God. But you aren't without God, ever. You aren't cut off from him, ever. The simplest act of faith puts you in relationship with him." Eugene Peterson