

Chosen for a Purpose



1 Peter 2:9



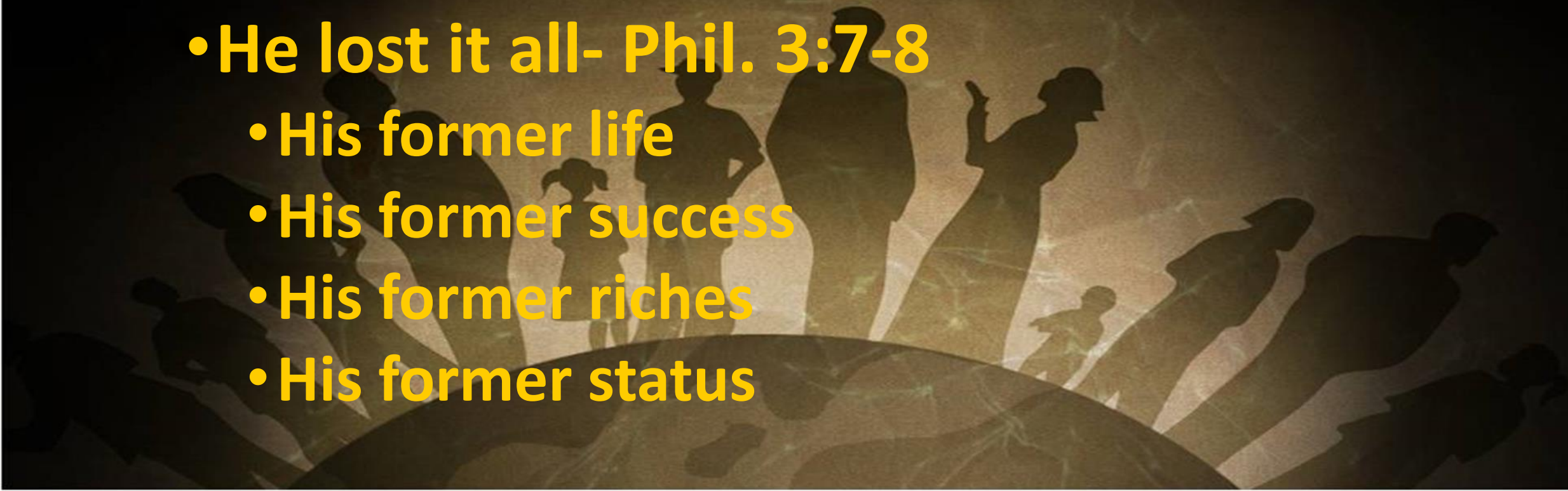
You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

CHOSEN TO LOSE

- Text: Act 9:15-16
- **Jesus discusses this concept:**
 - Luke 9:23-26 (Also Matt. 16 and Mark 8)
 - Matt. 10:38-39
- **Lose ourselves**
 - Old lives- Eph. 4:22-5:8
 - Old influences- I Cor. 15:33, Matt. 10:38-39
 - Old thoughts- Col. 3:1-2

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- This truly became the reality for PAUL!
 - Look at our text again.
 - He lost it all- Phil. 3:7-8
 - His former life
 - His former success
 - His former riches
 - His former status



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- CONCLUSION: *Can we say like Paul.....*
 - God my happiness is not important.- Phil. 4:11
 - God my success is not important.- I Cor. 2:2
 - God my riches and my reputation are not important.- I Cor. 4:9-13

Let me just boast in the cross of Christ- Gal. 6:14

HOW GOOD A LOSER ARE YOU?