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| Philippians 3: 7-14Selection B15 | **A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians****Brothers and sisters:****Whatever gains I had, these I have come**  **to consider a loss because of Christ.** **More than that, I even consider everything as a loss**  **because of the supreme good**  **of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.** **For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things**  **and I consider them so much rubbish,**  **that I may gain Christ and be found in him,**  **not having any righteousness of my own**  **based on the law but that which comes**  **through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God,**  **depending on faith to know him**  **and the power of his resurrection**  **and the sharing of his sufferings**  **by being conformed to his death, if somehow**  **I may attain the resurrection from the dead.****It is not that I have already taken hold of it**  **or have already attained perfect maturity,**  **but I continue my pursuit in hope**  **that I may possess it,**  ***Continued on the Next Page*** **since I have indeed**  **been taken possession of by Christ Jesus.** **Brothers, I for my part do not consider**  **myself to have taken possession.** **Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind**  **but straining forward to what lies ahead,**  **I continue my pursuit toward the goal,**  **the prize of God’s upward calling, in Christ Jesus.****The Word of the Lord** |