# UNCHAINED: Dangerous Letters from a prisoner of Rome "BAM" – Trash & Treasure Philippians 3:7-11 / July 21, 2013

## Background of Philippians

- Written by Paul from Rome around 59-62AD while he was on house arrest
- Historic Roman city 8 miles from the sea with extremely fertile land including gold mines.

#### Our Trash

- What do you count as trash?
- Paul's Trash ("rubbish" = sku-ba-lon)
  - What Paul counts as trash.

### Paul's Treasure

• What Paul counts as his supreme treasure.

#### Our Treasure

What do you count as your supreme treasure?

Looking at the Gospels, it seems that our Lord Jesus finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at sea. We are far too easily pleased.

C.S. Lewis, The Weight of Glory

# **Prayer for Eastview:**

- -Please continue to pray for Mike and Sara Baker as they experience rest and refreshment.
- -Pray for Charlie Welke as he prepares to preach next Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.
- -Pray that we would know Christ more and more.
- -Pray that we embrace the truth that nothing is more valuable than knowing Christ.
- -Thank God for His faithfulness, love, compassion, greatness, and goodness in making Jesus known to us.
- -Thank God that He invites us to partner with Him in sharing His story and our story in this community and around the world.