

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
Philippians 3:1-11
Solus Christus

Getting Started

What kinds of things do people normally include on a resumé?

Digging In

In the first part of ch. 3, Paul is warning the Philippians about the Judaizers – Jewish Christians who were saying that Gentiles had to be circumcised in order to be real Christians.

1. **Read vss. 1-3.** How did Paul describe these Judaizers?
2. What does it mean to put confidence *in the flesh*? What are some ways that we tend to do that today?
3. **Read vss. 4-6.** What kinds of things does Paul include in his religious resumé?
4. What is Paul's purpose in highlighting his religious pedigree and accomplishments?
5. **Read vss. 7-9.** Now that he's become a Christian, what is Paul's view of his religious resumé?
6. What did Paul lose, and what did he gain?
7. On what did Paul base his right standing before God?
8. **Read vss. 10-11.** What was Paul's passionate purpose?



Getting Personal

- If you were to write a religious resumé, what kinds of things would you include?
- Based on Paul's example in Philippians 3, what is the value of these things in making us right with God?
- Would you say that you're trusting in *Christ **only*** to gain a righteous standing before God, or in Christ **and** something else?
- Are you not only trusting in Christ, but also leaning on him and living for him?
- What's the difference between trusting in Christ and delighting in him? How can we learn to delight in Christ?