

**What is YOUR Spiritual Resume?
Philippians 3:1-11**

As Paul writes chapter 3, He will deal with believers who have their minds on earthly things. In verse 20 he switches to believers that have their minds on spiritual things

Philippians 3:1

Paul's relationship with the Lord has provided him Joy – regardless of any circumstances. **Philippians 3** is written as a command. As believers –we are to REJOICE, In what?

- In the fact that Jesus died for our sins
- In the fact that Jesus paid the penalty that we are guilty of
- In the fact that we have a relationship with Jesus
- In the fact that that relationship is eternal
- In the fact that no matter what God is in control!!!!

It has been said that the path of disobedience begins with discontentment. In the Old Testament we see Israel's discontentment lead to disobedience.

1. Coming out of Egypt – they complained about *food & leadership*
2. In the promised land – *they committed idolatry*
3. Returning from exile – *18 years work stoppage*
4. Rejecting Jesus - Their *Messiah*

Philippians 3:2 NIV

Vs 2 begins “Watch Out” or “Beware.” There's a **tone** to Paul's words here

2 examples of false teaching –

- One is twisting of Scripture – (Intentional???)
- One is misunderstanding Scripture (Human reasoning) (Unintentional???)

Philippians 3:3 NASB “ ... *put no confidence in the flesh.*”

Philippians 3:4-6 NASB

“*IF* anyone has bragging rights about their status or achievements – it would be Paul. Verse 5 & 6 is his resume....

1. **Circumcised** (according to the Law of Moses)
2. of the **tribe of Benjamin**, (He knows his heritage. He knows his great-great-great-great-great grandfather. King Saul was from the tribe of Benjamin)
3. a **Hebrew of Hebrews**; (By birth not a convert from gentiles)
4. in regard to the law, a **Pharisee**; (Love the law more than anyone else)
5. **zeal**, (I persecuted Christians)

Verses 5 & 6 is his resume....

Verses 7 & 8 is the point!!!!!!