

**LESSON 8: Philippians 3:1-11 Rejoice in Christ**

<sup>1</sup> Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord.

To write the same things again is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.

<sup>2</sup> Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision;

<sup>3</sup> for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh,

<sup>4</sup> although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

<sup>7</sup> But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish

so that I may gain Christ, <sup>9</sup> and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, <sup>10</sup> that I may know Him and [“] the power of His resurrection and [“] the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; <sup>11</sup> in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

**Introductory comments**

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**Section 1 Philippians 3:1**

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**Section 2 Philippians 3:2-6**

1. Command : Beware of who?
2. Observe the contrast & its severity.

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**Section 3 Philippians 3:7-8**

1. **Count - *The "Rubbish"***
2. ***View of the surpassing value of knowing Christ***

**Section 4 : Philippians 3:9-11 Christ all the way****Suggested Discussion Questions :**

1. Do you understand what “confidence in the flesh” means? What would that look like for you in modern day to put “confidence in the flesh?” Are there people who are misapplying this passage?
2. This passage has direct application to those who may value earthly gain. How does the passage also address negative experiences such as embarrassment, fear and shame?
3. Personally, was there a time when you had to work through the “worth it comparison chart?” OR Was there a time when you felt like your value system was all messed up? *Was it difficult for you to come to a conclusion? etc Share personal experiences of trying to assess the value of things.*
4. In what ways do we as individuals struggle to accept the entire path? Or in other words, in ways do we impatiently want glory without the lead up?

**Study Questions for Next Passage :****Lesson 9 \*\*\* Philippians 3:12-16 \*\*\***

5. What did Paul not obtain yet? What is “it”? V12
6. How does this passage contribute to the topic of human responsibility and Christ’s sovereignty? V12
7. V13-14 states “forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead,<sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize. What are the possible interpretations and applications of this? (both good and bad)
8. Compare verses 15-16 in different versions. What’s different between the versions?
9. Please summarize the attitude this passage wants us to have.