

Philippians 3:1-3

1 Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. 2 Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. 3 For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh—

Genuine Believer:

- a. Heart reshaped by God
- b. Serve God by the Spirit
- c. Boast or glory in Jesus Christ
- d. Put no confidence in the flesh

Philippians 3:4-6

...though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

Philippians 3:7-11

7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in [\[G\]](#) Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. 10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Questions for Reflection:

- When you add up the sum of your life, where have you put your confidence, or in what do you boast and glory?
- What have you discovered about Jesus as you turn your attention toward Him?
- What are next steps you need to take in order to exchange the trash pile for more of Jesus?

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