



**Sunday, September 20**

**Philippians 3:1-11**

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**“The Surpassing Worth of Truly Knowing Jesus”**

*Philippians: Partnership in the Gospel*

**II. The Difference between Moralism and True Christianity (Philippians 3:2–3).**

**A. Moralistic Therapeutic Deism (vv. 2)**

<sup>2</sup> *Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.*

**B. True Christianity (v. 3)**

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

**II. The False Assurance of Self-Reliance (vv. 4–6)**

**A. Confidence in the Flesh**

<sup>4</sup> *though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:*

**1) By Pedigree (v. 5)**

<sup>5</sup> *circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;*

**2) By Performance (v. 6)**

<sup>6</sup> *as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.*

**III. The Infinite Gain of Truly Knowing Christ Jesus as Lord**

**A. Truly Knowing Jesus is Incomparably better than Merely knowing about moralism, or social religiosity (vv. 7–8)**

<sup>7</sup> *But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ*

**B. The Righteousness that comes from God to be received by Faith in Jesus is Eternally better than a Person’s attempts to be Righteous (vv. 9–11).**

<sup>9</sup> *and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.*