

## **Philippians 3:1-7**

### **2 Comparisons Revealing the Glorious Truth of the Saving Gospel**

#### **1. A General Comparison (vv. 2-3)**

##### **a. False Converts (v. 2)**

- i. Dogs
- ii. Evil workers
- iii. Mutilators of the flesh
- iv. These are Judaizers

##### **b. True Converts (v. 3)**

- i. The true people of God
- ii. Worship by the Spirit of God
- iii. Boast in Christ
- iv. Have no confidence in the flesh

#### **2. A Personal Comparison (vv. 4-7)**

##### **a. A Former Perspective (v. 4-6)**

- i. Paul's four credentials of heritage (v. 5)
- ii. Paul's three credentials of lifestyle (end of v.5-6)

##### **b. A Transformed Perspective (v. 7)**

### **Application of Phil 3:1-7**

1. Read & think about Rom 1:6; 3:28; Eph 2:1-10; Gal 2:21; What do these say about salvation by works vs salvation by grace alone?
2. Do you hold any value for your salvation in anything you've done or in who you are? If so, repent and ask God to transform your life to count everything as loss/worthless.
3. Is there anything you're doing to try and earn the favor of God? For example: Giving money, praying, reading the Bible, serving people, going to church? (These are all good and important things, but not when motivated by the wrong reason)
4. Is there anything in your life you have done you don't think God can forgive you for? Think about the life Paul lived and the grace from God to save him, and then ask his forgiveness for your sin.
5. Thank God for His grace in your life! Acknowledge you were born a sinner by nature and have sinned by choice and that He saved you!

Reading this week: Read Phil chapter 3 each day this week.