**Philippians 3:1-11**

**The Priceless Value of Knowing Christ**

**3**Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians%203&version=NLT#fen-NLT-29383a)] rejoice in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your faith.

**2**Watch out for those dogs, those people who do evil, those mutilators who say you must be circumcised to be saved. **3**For we who worship by the Spirit of God[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians%203&version=NLT#fen-NLT-29385b)] are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort, **4**though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more!

**5**I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. **6**I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault.

**7**I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. **8**Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ **9**and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ.[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians%203&version=NLT#fen-NLT-29391c)] For God’s way of making us right with himself depends on faith. **10**I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, **11**so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!