

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
SERMON NOTES  
NOVEMBER 01, 2020**

**"PHILIPPIANS: Complete Confidence in Christ!"  
Philippians 3:1-11**

This morning, we continue our study of Philippians with a passage that reminds, once again, us that we share many of the challenges and blessings of life with them. In our culture and time, we also have many contenders which vie for our confidence in place of Christ, including:

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While the details may have changed, the struggle remains the same for us: Do we...

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"Finally, my brothers, 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.

<sup>2</sup> Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh. <sup>3</sup> For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— <sup>4</sup> though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh,

I have more: <sup>5</sup> 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; <sup>6</sup> as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.

<sup>7</sup> But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

<sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead."

\_\_\_\_\_ *is the polar-opposite of human works – it is receiving God's work in Christ and acknowledging the absolute uselessness of our own efforts to attain authentic righteousness!*

**"This morning let's commit ourselves to not trust in ourselves but to put our complete confidence in Christ Jesus, our Lord!"**