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Phil. 3:1

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things again is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.

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Phil. 3:2,3

[2] Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision; [3] for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh,

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Phil. 3:4,5

[4] although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: [5] circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews;

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Phil. 3:6

as to the Law, a Pharisee;
[6] as to zeal, a persecutor of
the church; as to the
righteousness which is in the
Law, found blameless.

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Phil. 3:7,8

[7] But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. [8] More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord,

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Phil. 3:8

for whom I have suffered the
loss of all things, and count
them but rubbish in order
that I may gain Christ,

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Phil. 3:9

[9] and may be found in Him,
not having a righteousness of
my own derived from the Law,
but that which is through faith in
Christ, the righteousness which
comes from God on the basis of
faith...

A dramatic landscape with a bright light breaking through dark, heavy clouds over a body of water. The light creates a strong glow and a lens flare effect across the scene. The water in the foreground is dark with some shimmering reflections.

Becoming a Community of Transformers

Philippians 3:1-9

Glory in Christ, Not in Flesh

Rejoice in Lord, Not in Flesh (3:1-3)

- “Rejoice in the Lord...” Review is not a bother & keeps us from tripping
- **Principle:** Right partnership brings joy, wrong partners are a burden.
 - It’s right to get angry at deceit!



Rejoice in Lord, Not in Flesh (3:1-3)

■ Beware of joy stealers...

- They *despise* dogs, but *are* dogs
- They depend on *good* works, and so become *evil* workers
- They count on circumcision, but we are circumcised in the heart

■ **Ask:** “What can you do for me that Christ hasn’t done already?”

Rejoice in Lord, Not in Flesh (3:1-3)

- Be aware of who you are in Christ
 - We worship (Father) in the Spirit
 - We glory in Christ Jesus
 - We put no confidence in the flesh

Philippians 3:1-9

- Theme: Glory in Christ and put no confidence in the flesh!



Have this
mind among
yourselves, which
is yours in
Christ Jesus

Philippians 2:5

No Confidence in Flesh (3:4-6)

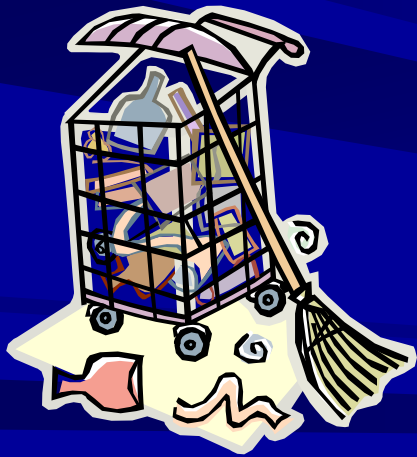
- Paul had more reasons for confidence...
- **Ecclesiastical:** 8th Day Circumcision
- **Ethnic & ancestral:** Nation of Israel, tribe of Benjamin
- **Parental, language:** Hebrew of Hebrews
- **Personal:** Pharisee
- **Zeal:** Persecutor of church
- **Legal:** Blameless

Learn to Balance Assets (3:7-9)

- **Problem:** Wrong appraisal and accounting methods; wrong “ruler”
- **Solution:** Learn to assess like Paul ...
 - “What I thought gain I counted loss”
 - “I count all as loss **compared** to knowing Christ as Lord.” (8)
 - Comparison *is* part of appraisal

Learn to Balance Assets (3:7-9)

- Profit and loss are important!
- “I count what I’ve lost as rubbish”
 - Rubbish = refuse, dung
- In order to gain Christ



Learn to Balance Assets (3:7-9)

- Greece: "Be wise-know yourself"
- Rome: "Be strong-discipline self"
- Judaism: "Be holy-conform self"
 - Pride: "Be superior-promote self"
 - "Be capable-trust self"

Learn to Balance Assets (3:7-9)

- Paul's focus: Count all as rubbish
 - To **gain** Christ
 - To **be found** in Him
 - Not with my own righteousness
 - But with Christ's righteousness
 - It comes: from God, by faith

Applications:

- Where is your confidence? 2Cor.3:4-6
- Are you using the right accounting methods? Jer. 9:23
- Are you learning to spot garbage piles?
- Are you seeking right partnerships and getting joy from them?

Applications:

- [Gain – loss = net profit]
- List your assets, liabilities and calculate net gain.
- Let's let Christ pull our fingers off our prized possessions & gain His.



Assets

Liabilities

Net Gain

