



THE APOSTLE PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE  
**PHILIPPIANS**  
"PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL"

## Small Group Study Notes

### Philippians 3:1-11

Share one thing you're known for being good at, and one thing no one knows you're bad at?

This past Sunday's message hit at the center of Paul's emphasis of the gospel to the Philippians. There were some who were teaching that God requires righteousness *from us* in order to save us.

#### Read Philippians 3:4-6

In what ways have you experienced outward or external forms, traditions, or behaviors that falsely conveyed God's acceptance of you?

*Answer along the two categories Paul gives from his own righteousness: Inherited (vs 5), and Earned (vs 6).*

What is the danger of us holding on to these merits?

#### Read Galatians 5:1-6

What way does Paul describe those who try to earn their own righteousness from verse 4?

**Back to Philippians:** What is it that Paul considers of highest value in contrast to *his works* from Philippians 3:8, 10 (*seen in contrast with Galatians 5:4 "alienated from Christ"*)?

What does it mean for *you* to pursue "knowing Christ Jesus my Lord," and how is that different from "knowing Christ," and finally how does your answer relate to Paul's central command: "Rejoice in the Lord?"

*"Nothing you can do will ever make God love you more,  
and nothing you can do will ever make God love you less."*

#### Read Ephesians 3:16-19