

**CONFIDENCE THAT COUNTS FOR ETERNITY**  
(Philippians 3:4-9)

**I. The Danger of Legalism (Phil. 3:1-3)**

**II. The False Confidence of Legalistic Thinking (Phil. 3:4-6)**

**A. That of Comparing Ourselves with Others (3:4)**

1. He asserted he could have confidence in the \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. He stated that “*if anyone else **thinks** he may have confidence in the flesh, I \_\_\_\_\_!*”

**B. That of Boasting in the Accomplishments of the Flesh (3:5-6)**

1. His \_\_\_\_\_ ....this was a \_\_\_\_\_ of the covenant of God.
2. His \_\_\_\_\_ ... of the stock of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. His \_\_\_\_\_... of **the tribe of** \_\_\_\_\_.
4. His \_\_\_\_\_ ...he was also a \_\_\_\_\_ **of Hebrews.**
5. His \_\_\_\_\_ to the law of God ... was that of a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. His \_\_\_\_\_ ... he \_\_\_\_\_ the Church
7. His \_\_\_\_\_ of self-righteousness is indicated by the word ... “\_\_\_\_\_”

**III. The True Confidence of the Knowledge of Christ (3:7-14)**

**A. For Justification (3:7-9)**

1. Justification involves a \_\_\_\_\_ of any aspect of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. So Paul esteemed his supposed “gains” as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Paul lost \_\_\_\_\_ than his supposed “gains” (3:8b)... “I have suffered the loss of “\_\_\_\_\_” -- What would this include?

- Why did he do it? (3:8d)

c. Paul counted his supposed “gains” as \_\_\_\_\_

- What does this mean?

2. Justification involves a point of time \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

a. Paul repudiated his past “gains” in exchange for the excellence of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ Jesus, my Lord.

b. Paul stated he had \_\_\_\_\_ Christ (3:8d)

- What does it mean to “gain Christ”?

c. Paul said that he was now found \_\_\_\_\_ (3:9a)

d. Paul now possessed the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (3:9b)

- What can we note about this righteousness?

\* What does all this mean to you?