

Paul's Story

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; 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."

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, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, 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...." Phil 3:4-9

I. Paul Tried To Get To Heaven By The Works-Approach (vs. 4-6)

A. He falsely thought his heredity and achievements would save him.

1. Salvation is not by _____. ("circumcised on the eighth day")
2. Salvation is not by _____. ("of the nation of Israel")
3. Salvation is not by _____. ("of the tribe of Benjamin")
4. Salvation is not by _____. ("a Hebrew of Hebrews")
5. Salvation is not by _____. ("as to the law, a Pharisee")
6. Salvation is not by _____. ("as to zeal a persecutor of the church")
7. Salvation is not by _____ _____. ("as to righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless")

II. Paul Was Saved By The Grace Of Jesus Christ (vs. 7-9)

A. There is no _____ between the grace-approach and works-approach.

1. _____ compares to knowing Christ.
2. Everything else is _____.

B. "Knowing Christ" means a _____ response of faith and _____ to Christ.

C. The true Christian has made a complete _____.

1. He has exchanged his own _____ for Christ's _____.
2. He has exchanged one owner (_____) for another (_____).

III. What's _____ Story?