

## WHAT PAUL REALLY THOUGHT OF HIS RELIGIOUS WORKS!

(Philippians 3:7-9)

### I. PAUL WARNED THE PHILIPPIANS OF DOCTRINAL ERROR (3:1-6)

A. If the apostle were one to boast about his \_\_\_\_\_  
and qualifications, he would have a great deal to take \_\_\_\_\_ in, humanly speaking.  
(3:4-6)

1. *circumcised the eighth day*
2. *of the stock of Israel*
3. *of the tribe of Benjamin*
4. *a Hebrew of the Hebrews*
5. *concerning the law, a Pharisee*
6. *concerning zeal, persecuting the church*
7. *concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless*

### II. PAUL COUNTED ALL THINGS AS LOSS FOR CHRIST HIS SAVIOR (3:7-9)

A. “*But what things were gain(s) to me*” speaks of the seven things that the apostle once held with such high regard; apparently he once viewed them as \_\_\_\_\_.  
(3:7a)

B. The verb, “*I have counted* (perf./indic.)” informs us that what Paul had once viewed as religious gains (once converted), he then made a conscious choice to adamantly \_\_\_\_\_ all of them collectively as \_\_\_\_\_. (3:7b)

C. What was true on that glorious day when he got saved was \_\_\_\_\_ very true 25 years later (“*I count*” --pres./indic.) when the apostle wrote this letter (3:8a)

D. When comparing those “*things*” which were now on the \_\_\_\_\_ side of the ledger they could not possibly even come close to the excellent \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ Jesus his Lord. (3:8b)

E. For the third time Paul expressed with passion how he had “*suffered the loss of all things*” (3:8c)...

1. The inclusive phrase “*all things*” goes \_\_\_\_\_ the things once listed as gains in 3:5-6.

2. This former rising Pharisaic star lost his \_\_\_\_\_, all his \_\_\_\_\_, most likely his family’s \_\_\_\_\_, as well as his potential fame and fortune.

\* 2 Corinthians 11:22-28

F. For the third time the apostle underscored how he “*counted*” everything in his former human experience as but \_\_\_\_\_ or useless \_\_\_\_\_ fit for the dogs; with the sole purpose that he would \_\_\_\_\_ his Savior personally. (3:8d)

G. Paul recognized that he once had \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness as he \_\_\_\_\_ to keep the Mosaic Law, which of course was the \_\_\_\_\_ kind of righteousness. (3:9a)

H. On the day he got saved, he received perfect \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness from God, which came by \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord Jesus. (3:9b)

\* How can you apply these truths in your life?