

# False & True Religion

(Philippians 3:1-11)

- counterfeiting



How can I get right with God?

## False Religion (3:2-8)

➔ Evil (v. 2)

➔ Self-righteous (vv. 3-6)



➔ Worthless (vv. 7-8)

## True Religion

➔ Trusts in righteousness from Christ (vv. 3, 9)

➔ Treasures relationship with Christ (vv. 7-8, 10)

## Philippians 3:1-11

<sup>3</sup> Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. <sup>2</sup> Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. <sup>3</sup> For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— <sup>4</sup> though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

<sup>7</sup> But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in<sup>1a</sup> Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

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*Trophies of the flesh: "...indeed I regard them as dung! (skubala) – that I may gain Christ and be found in him..." (Philippians 3:8 NET2).*