

Embracing Grace in a Wound Up World
Philippians 3:1-11
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Introduction

Placing Our Confidence in the Right Place

Where is your confidence? Philippians 3:1-6

Confidence involves trust!

Our tendency is to trust in human things.

➤ Spirituality, career, children, finances, looks, and smarts

Do you believe the thing you are placing your confidence in is inferior? Philippians 3:7-8

Loss has the idea of detriment.

Are you willing to buy-in to the sufficiency of Christ?
Philippians 3:9-11

Righteousness refers to the perfection of Christ.

What now?

1. *Faith*: trust in Christ (9)
2. *Power*: grab on to the new life in Christ (10)
3. *Suffering*: let go of our old life (10)

Philippians 3:1-11

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. ² Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. ³ 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— ⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ 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; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ 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 Christ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in^[a] Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.