

Discussion Questions for 10/11/26 Message

Msg. #10: Phil. 3:1-11 - Finding Confidence and Joy in Jesus Alone

Have someone, or several people read 3:1-11

- 1. In verse 1, Paul says he doesn't mind repeating his upcoming warning, because he knows it is for their safety. Safety against what? (Remember the Context).**
- 2. What or who are the "true" and "false circumcision" of 3:2-3? What are the characteristics of each?**
- 3. What would Paul mean here, about "putting confidence in the flesh? (see vss. 4-7)**
- 4. What are some of the dangers to non-believers who "put confidence in the flesh"?**
- 5. What are some dangers to believers who are deceived into "putting confidence in the flesh"?**
- 6. In verse 4-6 Paul lists all of the things that would be to his credit—things in which he might find confidence and joy. (Have someone read vss. 4-6). What a "spiritual Resumé this is!**

Q: What does he say his resumé adds up to in Vss. 7-8)?

- 7. Thinking back, what would you have put on your own spiritual resumé? (What credits might you have been tempted to use as your confidence that you would be saved)?**
- 8. Why does Paul abandon his confidence in all these things? Go down through verse 7-11 and list the benefits He has found.**
- 9. 1 Peter 3:15 says: "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,"**

Q: If you were asked, *"Where do YOU find your confidence for salvation?"* how would you respond?