

**Partnership:
Partnering With Confidence in Christ Alone
Philippians 3:1-11**

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3 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. ² Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³ For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for 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; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Questions:

1. How do we recognize significant spiritual danger?
2. How has rejoicing and glorying in Jesus Christ helped you in times of spiritual danger?
3. How does it feel to know that you were so truly and desperately lost that Christ had to die to rid you of your sins?
4. To what extent are you considering earthly gains or works as lost? (v. 7)
5. To what extent are you considering our hope in Him alone? (v. 8)
6. In verse 10 we see the power of the resurrection comes before the suffering. How have you experienced suffering that was ameliorated by the existing power of the resurrection?
7. What is 'partnership with Jesus' as implied in verse 10?
8. What is your consuming passion today?