

## Where Does True Righteousness Come From

### Philippians 3:1-21 (Part III) vv.7-11

- Saul's testimony-road to Damascus: risen Christ appears before Saul (Acts 9)
- Jesus pulls back the façade: shows Saul that he was truly lost in his sin
- In all Saul's zeal & pursuit of God as he understood it: God's enemy
- He was not serving God, but persecuting the God He claimed to serve
  - 1) 3:1 Exhortation: Rejoice in the Lord Alone
  - 2) 3:2 Paul's gives A Serious Warning: False Circumcision
  - 3) 3:3 Paul draws a Sharp Contrast: True Circumcision
  - 4) 3:4-6 Paul makes a comparison: his own labors with the Judaizers

#### V. Paul's Example: Righteousness worth more than all my rags (3:7-9)

- In Paul's example of finding true righteousness, he discovered 2 things
  - i) All his religious credentials were worse than worthless
  - ii) He realized this when he saw: infinite value of the treasure he found
- Why did Paul forfeit reputation, standing in community, his own gain?
- To "gain Christ," to "be found in him," to "know him" (Phil. 3:8-10)
- Paul looked away from himself so his heart can rest in Christ alone
  - a) Paul's discovery: a treasure that surpasses all other treasures
- Paul had received more than forgiveness & right standing with God

#### VI. Call: Further Up, Further In (Resurrection & Suffering) (3:10-11)

- Vs. 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection
- V, 11 and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death