## The Sixth Part in the Series "The Choice to Rejoice" Rummage Sale (Philippians 3:1–11)

"Finally, my brothers, 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." (Philippians 3:1)

So what were those things that Paul <u>used to put his confidence in and esteem so highly</u>? He lists them. Let's take a look at them, one at a time:

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" circumcised on the eighth day" (Philippians 3:5a)
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" of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin" (Philippians 3:5b)
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" a Hebrew of Hebrews" (Philippians 3:5c)
R " in regard to the law, a Pharisee" (Philippians 3:5d)
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" as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless." (Philippians 3:6)

Paul counts all such thing	gs as $R$	, in comparison to his one big gain.
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cnowing Christ Jesus m cubbish [skubala] that I of my own that comes	y Lord, for whose way gain Christ and from the law, but	ess compared to the surpassing greatness sake I have lost all things. I consider the distribution of the found in him, not having a righteousne that which is through faith in Christ; to faith." (Philippians 3:7–9)
His $R$		gets counted as yours.
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**For next week:** Read Philippians 4:1–10 and answer these questions:

- 1. What does Paul teach about prayer? How does this bring you joy?
- 2. What does God's protecting peace do to your heart after you have given him your cares and concerns?
- 3. What part of Philippians speaks to you most? Why?

