

Bible Study Questions  
For April 3, 2024  
Women's Day Bible Study  
Philippians 3:1-11

1. What is the source or ground of a Christian's joy – 3:1? Is our joy based primarily on our physical circumstances? Explain.
2. What reason does Paul give why he would write to them things they already knew? Explain the value of repetition in teaching.
3. What warning does Paul give in 3:2? Explain the terms that are used. What group of people would Paul in particular be talking about (note the reference to circumcision in verse 3)?
4. Who does Paul say are the real circumcision – 3:3? List other passages showing the significance of being spiritually circumcised under the gospel.
5. What does it mean to have confidence in the flesh – 3:3 (note the context)? How does this apply to the people that Paul is discussing?
6. What claim does Paul make regarding confidence in the flesh – 3:4? What is his point?
7. What proofs does Paul give of his fleshly credentials – 3:5? Explain them.
8. How does he describe his zeal – 3:6? How did his conduct towards the church demonstrate his zeal?
9. What claim did he make regarding the law? What did this prove about his life as a Jew?

10. **Special Assignment:** What do verses 4-6 show about Paul's dedication to the Jewish religion? How would such facts affect the power of his influence when he was converted?
  
11. After Paul was converted, how did he view the advantages he had as a Jew – 3:7?
  
12. What reason does he give in 3:8, 9 why he was willing to suffer such losses? How did the things that he gave up compare to what he gained?
  
13. How was Paul made righteous – 3:9? List other similar *passages*.
  
14. **Case Study:** Some people use verses like verse 9 to claim there is nothing we can do to be saved, but God must do everything to save us. Explain the sense in which we do not have our own righteousness but are made righteous by God. What did this have to do with the old law?
  
15. **Application:** Based on Paul's discussion, explain the lessons we should learn about our own willingness to sacrifice to serve God?
  
16. What goal did Paul pursue according to 3:10? What does it mean to know Jesus? How can we know the power of His resurrection?
  
17. How can we fellowship in the sufferings of Jesus and be conformed to His death?
  
18. What goal did Paul pursue according to 3:11? Since all will be raised, in what sense should we seek to attain to the resurrection?