

# A Life to Die For

Part 9: Grace

Philippians 3:1-11

## Launch

What is your most memorable experience involving manure?

## Explore

### Read the passage

Paul says to “rejoice in the Lord.” His very next thought is to “Look out for the dogs, evildoers, and those who mutilate the flesh.” How might the influence of these people keep the Philippians from rejoicing in the Lord?

Look over Paul’s credentials. What “gain” was he deriving from them? Why does he now see them as loss?

What does it mean to be “found in Christ”? How is this related to being righteous?

Paul says the ultimate purpose of being righteous is so that he can know Christ and the power of his resurrection. What does he mean by these things?

## Apply

What things are you hesitant to lose or count as rubbish for the sake of Christ? Why? How do you see yourself putting confidence in your achievements?

How (either in the past or currently) have you seen placing confidence in self rather than in Christ affect your joy in Christ, perseverance in Christ, or your relationship with him?

How might your life look different if you were to believe by faith that Christ’s righteousness was enough for you in each moment of life?

## Pray

Pray that we would truly count all our accomplishments as sewage compared to knowing Christ.