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Philippians 3:1-9

- **The danger of** _____

  Verses 1-3; see also Romans 2:28-29; 1 Corinthians 1:29-31; 2 Corinthians 11:13; Galatians 5:1; 6:14; Ephesians 2:8-9; 2 John 1:9-11

- **The futility of** _____

  Verses 4-7; see also Deuteronomy 5:7-21; Isaiah 59:2; 64:6; Acts 9:1-19; Galatians 1:13-14; 1 Timothy 1:15-16; James 2:10

- **The blessedness of** _____

  Verses 8-9; see also Luke 18:9-14; Romans 3:22; 4:3-5; 10:4; Galatians 2:15-16, 21; 5:4; Titus 3:4-7

Transformed by the Truth

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. Which of the following do you believe is necessary to gain entrance to heaven?
   a) Faith in Christ.
   b) A life of good works.
   c) Both a) and b).
   Try to find at least one passage of Scripture to support your view.

2. Re-read Philippians 3:1-9. In this context, what do you think Paul means when he says, "Rejoice in the Lord" (verse 1)? When do you find it most helpful to rejoice in the Lord?

3. Do you think Paul's harsh attitude toward false teachers in Philippians 3:2 is justified? Why or why not? How does his perspective mesh with John's in 2 John 1:9-11?

4. If you were asked to write a religious resume, to be read by the Lord on judgment day, what would you include on it? Why should God let you into heaven?

5. Have you experienced "the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus" intimately (Philippians 3:8)? When have you felt closest to Him? When have you felt farthest from Him?