

## 16. Christ is enough

Philippians 3:1-9

1. Remembering that Paul writes this letter from prison - why then could he talk of rejoicing v1? How can the Christian today do this day by day?
2. Paul has harsh words for those who were confident that they could get themselves right with God by their own efforts (v2). What is Paul's argument against having a self-confidence for salvation? v4-6
3. Note down the things that Paul once took confidence in v4-6 and try and think of a parallel for each that people today put confidence in.
4. In what other ways might we trust in our heritage and efforts?
5. How does Paul view his heritage and efforts? (v7&8) What do you think of this?
6. Why can being a good person from a respectable background be dangerous?

7. If he doesn't base his salvation on his performance, what does Paul base his acceptance on? (v9)
8. What encouragement is this passage to those whose backgrounds are 'less than respectable' in the world's eyes?
9. What help would this passage be when discussing the gospel with someone?
10. In what ways had Paul lost all things for the sake of Christ v8? (2 Cor 11:23-27)
11. What things might someone lose in becoming a Christian? What difficulties might we face because we follow Christ?
12. How does v8 help us and what steps can we take to help us face difficulties?