



BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

WEEK 3- DAY 2

PHILIPPIANS 3:2-7

NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT)

2 Watch out for those dogs, those people who do evil, those mutilators who say you must be circumcised to be saved.

3 For we who worship by the Spirit of God are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort,

4 though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more!

5 I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law.

6 I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault.

7 I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done.

DAY 2 REFLECTION QUESTIONS FOR VERSES 2-7

1. Why would Paul call people who say that we need more than grace to be saved “dogs”? Why is he so emotional over this issue?
2. How much confidence does Paul put in “the flesh” (vs. 5)?
3. Paul lists all of his own accolades for the purpose of showing that no one can earn God’s grace. How does Paul view his own “gains” (vs. 7)