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From Feces to Freedom, Pt 1

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Philippians 3:1-11 (ESV)

Finally, my brothers, rejoice (PAV) in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

² Look out (PAV) for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.

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Philippians 3:1-11 (ESV)

³ For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:

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⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

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⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes

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⁹ from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

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¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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Philippians 3:8b (ESV)

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Three Crucial Questions?

1. What did Paul give up?
2. Why?
3. May we have the same experience?

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Righteousness?

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**Righteousness =
“being just as one should be”**

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“They are both ways to avoid Jesus as Savior and keep control of their lives. Irreligious people seek to be their own saviors and lords through irreligion, "worldly" pride. ("No one tells me how to live or what to do, so I determine what is right and wrong for me!") But moral and religious people seek to be their

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own saviors and lords through religion,
"religious" pride. ("I am more moral and
spiritual than other people, so God owes me to
listen to my prayers and take me to heaven.
God cannot let just anything happen to me--he
owes me a happy life. I've earned it!")

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The irreligious person rejects Jesus entirely, but the religious person only uses Jesus as an example and helper and teacher--but not as a Savior.” -Tim Keller

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Why did he give it up?

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Romans 5:8 (ESV)

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us

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