

Philippians 3:1-16 • Confidence in the Flesh

1. (v.1-11) Those who place their “*confidence in the flesh*” is not referring to the threat from the **unsaved** but those within the **Church** who over-realize the **Law** or engage in **dual covenant** theology.
2. (v.4-6) Those who place their “*confidence in the flesh*” **misuse** the things of God to represent a **doctrine** or **concept** not intended by God.
3. (v.7-8) Those who place their “*confidence in the flesh*” cling to the **past** instead of moving **forward** through Christ.
4. (v.9) The past means nothing when it comes to the issue of **salvation**, but may be used by God when it comes to **service**.
5. (v.10-11) Those who overcome the flesh seek to not just “*know*” **Christ** personally, but to know “*the power of His resurrection*”, and to know “*the fellowship of His sufferings*”.
6. (v.12-16) Those overcoming “*confidence in the flesh*” are those who “*press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus*” by daily living according to God’s **standard**.