

## **Bible Study for March 28 – April 3, 2022**

**Read:** Philippians 3:1-14

### **Notes:**

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

### **Questions to Ponder:**

If you were to brag about one thing you can do better than others, what would it be?

Over the course of your lifetime, have you ever heard that one Christian denomination might be better than another? What reasons were given for such bragging rights?

One of the problems with the congregation in Philippi was that some of those of Jewish heritage thought themselves as “better”. Why might they have thought that way?

If the idea that one must be circumcised in order to be seen more favorably in God’s eyes had gone unchallenged, what might the consequences have been for the gospel message in Philippi?

Why does Paul consider his heritage “rubbish” in Christ’s eyes? (verses 7-11)

Using a scale of 1 to 10, how much merit would you assign to each of the following: Good looks? Good works? Reputation? Memorization of the Bible? Humility?

What traits do you feel Paul is pushing us towards in these verses?