

## **From Rubbish to Jesus** **Philippians 3:1-11**

### I. Warning Against False Teachers (vv.1-2)

- A. False teachers can rob people of joy.
- B. Commitment to the message of the gospel is the safeguard from all dangers.

### II. Characteristics of Those Who Are Committed to the Gospel (v.3)

- A. They believe that the Holy Spirit initiates salvation, with the result that love and service for God should follow.
- B. They believe that Jesus is the One who makes them acceptable to God.
- C. They understand that confidence in their own achievements and confidence in Christ are mutually exclusive.

### III. Paul's Life before Conversion (vv.4-6)

- A. A list of Paul's religious credentials (vv.4-5a).
- B. A list of Paul's personal achievements (vv.5b-6).

### IV. Paul's Conversion (vv.7-9)

- A. Anything that keeps you from Christ is "rubbish" no matter how good it looks to you.

### V. Paul's Life after Conversion (vv.10-11)

- A. Paul wanted to experience living, suffering, and dying like Christ in order to know Him better.

### VI. Conclusion

Those who know Christ intimately and authentically will have a life that is characterized by joy.