

THE MARKS OF A TRUE BELIEVER
A LOOK AT PAUL'S TESTIMONY --- PART 1
Philippians 3:4-11

- I. **PAUL'S MINDSET BEFORE CHRIST: He had good earthly reason to be confident in the flesh (4-6)**
 - A. **Paul before coming to Christ, had far greater reason to rely on the flesh** than the false teachers he was warning the Philippians about (4)

 - B. **Paul's elaborates on his reasons for confidence in the flesh before coming to Christ (5-6)**
 - 1. His **religious heritage** was great (5)

 - 2. He had reached the pinnacle **religiousness accomplishment** (5b)

 - 3. His **religious sincerity (zeal)** was unmatched (6)

 - 4. His **religious righteousness** was faultless (6)

- II. **PAUL'S MINDSET AT CONVERSION: All he saw in the past as religious gain or profit was counted as loss or damage for the sake of Christ (7)**
 - A. All previous religious gains were rightly reckoned as total loss (7a)

 - B. All because of Christ (7b)

Next Week

- III. **PAUL'S CURRENT MINDSET: For Paul, knowing Christ is worth exceedingly more than all he lost (8-11)**