**3 3** 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:  
 **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.  
**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 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,  
 **11** that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

A. **Right Ritual**: Circumcised   
B. **Right Race**: Israelite  
C. **Right Family**: tribe of Benjamin  
D. **Right Religion**: Hebrew of the Hebrews  
E. **Right Occupation**: A Pharisee  
F. **Right Zeal**: A persecutor   
G. **Right Morality**: Kept God’s commands  
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**12**Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but   
 I press on to make it my own,   
 because Christ Jesus has made me his own. **13**Brothers,   
 I do not consider that I have made it my own.

But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,   
**14**I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.   
**15**Let those of us who are mature think this way, and   
 if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.   
 **16**Only let us hold true to what we have attained.