**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.