Philippians 3:1-11 questions

**The Surpassing Worth of Knowing Christ Jesus**

Key Verse: Philippians 3:8

1. What does the apostle Paul exhort the brothers in Philippi (1a)? What does 'rejoice in the Lord' mean, and why is it so important (1b)?
2. Who does Paul tell the Philippians to watch out for (2)? What are their characteristics? Who is the true circumcision (3; Rom 2:29)?
3. Where does Paul stand if he chooses to put confidence in the flesh (4-6)? Why had Paul considered these things as gains in the past (7a)?
4. How did he come to consider them loss (7b-8a)? In what ways is knowing Christ Jesus the surpassing worth? (Col. 2:2-3)
5. Why did Paul lose all things and consider them garbage (8b,9a)? What does it mean to "gain Christ" and "be found in him"? How does righteousness come to us (9b)?
6. What is the strong desire of Paul (10a)? To what extent does he desire to know Christ (10b-11)? Talk about his spiritual desire to know Christ experientially.