

12. Paul lists “circumcised the eighth day” because of what reason?
13. What is a modern day parallel to the Jewish idea of circumcision securing one as a child of God?
14. Salvation is NOT by what?
15. Paul could trace his family line back to what three individuals?
16. Though it is “manure” there are some who trust in family heritage for what?
17. Paul saying he was “of the tribe of Benjamin” was a subtle way of saying that his family had not done what?
18. What tribe of Israel gave Israel her first king?
19. Salvation is NOT by rank. What is a possible parallel to this today?
20. Being a “Hebrew of Hebrews” was manure because salvation is NOT by rituals, customs, observances, and what?
21. Paul was a religious what?
22. What was the highest level of religious achievement in Israel?
23. There are people like the Pharisees today who live lives of supposed self-denial and strict adherence to what?
24. The cult that Paul confronts in Colossians denied the complete what?
25. The Jews considered what the most commendable of all virtues?
26. What were the two sides of zeal according to Jews?
27. Sincerity without truth is what?
28. Truth without sincerity is mere what?
29. Salvation is not a reward for what?
30. People couldn’t point to anything in Paul’s life on the outside that would do what?
31. Salvation is NOT by what?
32. When Paul came face to face with the Lord Jesus Christ, he saw all of his own merit as what?
33. All the stuff Paul had trusted in was worse than useless because to hold on to it would do what?
34. Besides sin, what else is “manure” in God’s eyes?
35. Paul used to worship God in what form?
36. When Paul used the perfect tense it meant what in relation to the effects of his decision?

37. What are you trusting for your salvation? What do you have in your profit column?

38. Are you willing to exchange all of your profit for true riches?

39. What is the key phrase of Matthew 7:21-23?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; 1 Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

»>How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

»>How can I accomplish this change?

»>What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

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“RELIGION IS MANURE”

Philippians 3:4-7

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon “**Religion Is Manure**”. All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Who said these words, “He is no fool to give up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose...”?
2. In Philippians 3:1-3, Paul warns about the emptiness of what?
3. Philippians 3:4-7, contains what, related to Paul?
4. How many different times in the book of Acts is there a record of Paul's testimony?
5. Philippians 3 is a the record of what went on where?
6. Philippians 3 gives us great insight into how Paul viewed what?
7. In Philippians 3, Paul describes salvation in what terminology?
8. Paul uses words for profit and loss and in doing so he describes salvation as what?
9. Who else used this same description?
10. All of Paul's religiosity and religious achievement and self-effort was what?
11. Paul described a true Christian (in verse 3) as one who has no confidence in what?

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