

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: October 8, 2023
Philippians 3:1-14

1. What does Paul say to do, in verse 1? _____
Has Paul written about this subject before? Yes _____ No _____ How do we know? _____

2. How does Paul feel about writing these things again?
 - a. He is tired of repeating himself.
 - b. It is no trouble.
 - c. He realizes that it is a safeguard for the people to whom he is ministering.
3. Who is he telling them to watch out for?
 - a. Dogs, evildoers, and mutilators of the flesh.
 - b. Those who were preaching the necessity of circumcision.
 - c. Those who would put their confidence in the flesh instead of the Lord.
4. What does Paul say about circumcision at the beginning of verse 3? _____
5. Who is the "we" that he is talking about, according to verse 3? _____

6. In what way are "we" the circumcisions regardless of whether or not we have been circumcised?
7. Why does Paul say he has reason to put his confidence in the flesh?
 - a. Because of the family he came from.
 - b. Because of the traditions and obedience of his parents.
 - c. Because of his adherence to the law.
 - d. Because he was zealous and passionate.
8. What, according to verse 7-9, does Paul say about these reasons for confidence?
 - a. Whatever were gains to me, I now consider loss.
 - b. Knowing Christ far surpasses anything that could be gained from these.
 - c. I consider them garbage.
 - d. I would trade all of it for being found in Him.
9. What do you have that you could put confidence in?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____Do you consider these things loss for the sake of Christ? Yes _____ No _____
10. Does Paul have any righteousness at all, according to verse 9? Yes _____ No _____
Where does Paul say our righteousness should come from? _____

11. What, according to verses 10-11 does Paul put his focus on?
 - a. Doing the right thing.
 - b. Knowing Christ.
12. How does Paul look at his current state of "performance" in light of his goal, according to verses 12-14? _____

13. Are you pressing on toward the goal? _____