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The Magnificent Obsession in the Christian Life Philippians 3:1-9

Paul has warned the Church of the internal behavioral danger – conflict - and declared the solution to be sacrificial selfless service. Now he warns the church of an external and all too present theological danger: Legalism. The solution to this danger is focus on the Savior instead of the self.

- I. The Danger of the Flesh 3:1-2
 - Beware of the dogs, kunas "canine"
 - False circumcision - Judaizers need law to get righteousness - Acts 15:1

- II. The Dependence on Savior 3:3-9
 - A. Theological Truth :3
 - True circumcision in Christ, the end of the law
 - Law through Moses, Grace and truth through Jesus Christ - John 1:17
 - (No law – Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8-9)
 - Focus in on Christ the Savior, not Self - Flesh

 - B. Personal Assessment :4-9
 - 1. Paul's Family Tree - No confidence in Flesh :3-6

 - 2. Paul's Assessment of Heritage for Salvation :7-9

Summary

The perennial danger to both those who are saved or not saved is to look to ourselves and our behavior as meriting our position before the one and only God.