

# FAITHFULLY FOCUSED



## NO CONFIDENCE IN THE FLESH

*Philippians 3:1-9*

We welcome you to Concord this morning as we gather to worship our Lord Jesus. This is a great day to gather and especially so as we observe the Lord's Supper. This morning our text reminds us to put no trust in human effort. This would include any work or effort that we would hope might commend us to God.

The Apostle Paul made this clear in Philippians 3 when he instructs us to put no confidence in the flesh. Human effort does not translate into right standing before God.

**I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Fleshly Effort. (3:1-3)**

\_\_\_\_\_ is not acceptable to God.

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Fleshly Effort. (3:4-7)**

"It is the Spirit that give life. The flesh profits \_\_\_\_\_."  
(John 6:63)

"By the deeds of the law shall \_\_\_ flesh be \_\_\_\_\_ in His sight."  
(Romans 3:20)

"In my flesh dwells \_\_\_\_\_."  
(Romans 7:18)

"So they that are in the flesh \_\_\_\_\_."  
(Romans 8:8)

"That no flesh should \_\_\_\_\_ in His \_\_\_\_\_."  
(1 Corinthians 1:29)

**III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Fleshly Effort. (3:8, 9)**

Compare all human effort with the cross of Christ.

My efforts cannot please God, but the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ pleased Him. Repenting of our sin and believing in Christ brings forgiveness and eternal life.