



## Introduction

*Follow the example of the Lord Jesus Christ.*



## Questions

1. Why, in the past, could Paul have confidence in the flesh?
2. What does Paul want to attain to?
3. What will the Lord Jesus do for our body when he comes from heaven?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 6** Paul warns the Philippians to beware of those who insist on circumcision. Paul rejoices in Jesus Christ and puts no confidence in flesh even though he has good reason to do so
- **v 7 to 12** Paul regards the good news of the resurrection of the dead (see theme) that comes through Jesus Christ, as being far better than anything he could gain under the law
- **v 13 to 16** Believers are encouraged to make every effort to follow Jesus Christ and receive the wonderful prize that God offers through Christ
- **v 17 to 21** Paul encourages the Philippians to follow his example and resist those who think about earthly things. Believers are citizens having a heavenly ruler, Jesus Christ, who will return from heaven and then their bodies will be made like his

**Timeline** 60 AD (see below)



## Theme

### **Many will rise from the dead and live forever**

*A selection of verses showing that God's plan is to raise people from the dead.*

The prophet Daniel speaks of a time when the dead will rise from the grave:

*Daniel 12 verse 2*

The prophet Hosea says that God will raise people from Sheol (the place of the dead):

*Hosea 13 verse 14*

Martha, one of Jesus' followers, expresses her belief that her dead brother will rise from the dead. Jesus then tells her that it is through belief in him that we can be raised:

*John 11 verses 24 and 25*

The apostle Paul, when he is on trial, makes it clear that he believes in the resurrection of the dead:

*Acts 24 verses 14 and 15*

The apostle Paul tells the believers at Philippi that being raised from the dead is the most important thing to him:

*Philippians 3 verses 10 and 11*

Paul tells the believers in Thessalonica that the resurrection will take place at the return of Jesus Christ:

*1 Thessalonians 4 verse 16*



## ? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 5 and 6, Q 2: v 11, Q 3: v 21

## Bible timeline

