

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from July 6-7, 2002

"Paul's Spiritual Accounting Practices"

Observing the text

List the things that in the past Paul had confidence in:

Why would Paul have considered each of these to be significant?

Consider how each of these relate to each other. Are some more significant than others?

What things might you be tempted to put confidence in?

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Applying the sermon

How would Paul have answered if God were to ask him, "Why should I let you into my heaven?"

How would a typical person in our community answer the same question? How would you answer that question?

Do you believe that Paul was assured of his salvation prior to his conversion based on who he was and what he did? Explain your answer.

How would Paul's confidence in the flesh prior to his conversion compare with the assurance that he enjoyed after his conversion? Explain your answer.