

WEEK SEVEN

# Our Past | Justification

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**Oxford Dictionary**


**a·ha mo·ment | noun**

A moment of sudden insight or discovery.

An eye-opening experience. An epiphany.

**Acts 9:3-5** <sup>CSB</sup>

As he traveled and was nearing Damascus, a light from heaven suddenly flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>Falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”<sup>5</sup> “Who are you, Lord?” Saul said. “I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting,” he replied.



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**Philippians 3:4–6** <sup>CSB</sup>


If anyone else thinks he has grounds for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised the eighth day; of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; regarding the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> regarding zeal, persecuting the church; regarding the righteousness that is in the law, blameless.

## **Jimmy**

High school dropout, in and out of prison, not one good reference, fired from last couple of jobs, horrible health -in the hospital 31 days last year.


## **Sherry**

Two degrees from Harvard, granddaughter to Billy Graham, runs ultra-marathons, 25 incredible personal references, founded a company then took it public, 17m followers on Instagram, gives 50% of her salary a year to charity.



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**Philippians 3:9** <sup>CSB</sup>

...and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own from the law, but one that is through faith in Christ—the righteousness from God based on faith.

**“Righteousness, nearly always for Paul, has the meaning of a being in a right relationship with God.”**

**William Barclay**


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**Bad Tuesday**

**Good Tuesday**






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### **Philippians 3:10-11** <sup>CSB</sup>

My goal is to know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, <sup>11</sup> assuming that I will somehow reach the resurrection from among the dead.



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**“That day on the Damascus Road the living Christ broke through the incredible blindness of Saul of Tarsus who was a Pharisee, who was a legalist, who was a works- righteousness worker and shattered his confidence in all his religious accomplishments. And the root of self-confidence was forever plucked from his heart and he made Jesus Christ his own, he sold all to gain Christ.”**

**John MacArthur**

**“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.”**

**Saint Augustine**

**“There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every person which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God the Creator, made known through Jesus Christ.”**

**Blaise Pascal**