

# **What is Authentic Christianity?**

**(Philippians 3:8-11)**

**Lighten Up, No. 14**

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- **God-focused**

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## **Philippians 3:4b (NIV)**

**If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:**

## **Philippians 3:5-6 (NIV)**

**<sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day,  
of the people of Israel,  
of the tribe of Benjamin,  
a Hebrew of Hebrews;**

**in regard to the law, a Pharisee;**

**<sup>6</sup>as for zeal, persecuting the church;  
as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.**

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# Analogies

## Christianity

- Parenting
- Starting a Business
- Combat
- Marriage

## Religion

- Babysitting
- Business School
- Boot Camp
- Falling in Love

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