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**Living It Out:** Read about Paul's view of his bragging rights in Php 3:1-9. What did he call his own good works? Why will the things that we brag about other than God ultimately cause pain and give only temporary happiness? Make a list of the things you might brag about spiritually (what causes you to feel good about yourself before God, self, or others)? Write Romans 5:10 over the list, then tear it up and throw it away.



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