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 also in the flesh. If any other man \flesh. If any other man   
 thinketh to trust in the flesh, I still thinketh that he hath   
 iGen.avii.12, 54eireumcised the eighth day, whereof he might trust in   
 kacor.xi.22, Kof the stock of Israel, !of the tribe the flesh, I more: § cir-   
 v. of Benjamin, ™an Hebrew, of He- cumcised the eighth day, of   
 nactszui6. brews ; as touching the law, "a the stock of Israel, of the   
 m 2Cor. 8. Pharisee; °°as touching zeal, ? per- tribe of Benjamin, an He-   
 seeuting the Church; as ‘touching brew of the Hebrews; as   
 the righteousness which is in the touching the law, a Pha-   
 law, ‘ having lived blameless. 7 How- risee; © concerning zeal,   
 persecuting the church;   
 touching the righteousness   
 which is in the law, blame-   
 4. beit, Swhat things were gain to me, less. 7 But what things   
 those for Christ’s sake have I counted were gain to me, those I   
 8 Nay more, and I still count counted loss for Christ.   
 \_ loss. all but loss tfor the sake of 8 Yea doubtless, and I   
 the exeellency of the knowledge of count all things but loss   
 Christ Jesus my Lord : for whose sake for the excellency of the   
 knowledge of Christ Jesus   
 my Lord: for whom I have   
   
   
 I (emphatic), have (not, ‘might have, as ancestry on both sides); as regards the   
 A.V. I have it, but do not choose to law (with reference to relative legal posi-   
 make use of it: I ave it, in the flesh, tion and observance), a Pharisee (compare   
 but I am still, spirit, of the number of Acts xxiii. 6; xxvi. 5); 6.] as regards   
 those who put no’ confidence in the flesh) zeal (for the law), a persecutor of the   
 confidence (not, ‘ground of confidence :’ church (of Christ); as regards righteous-   
 there is no need to soften the assertion, ness which is in (as its element: consists   
 above: nor to understand it of the un- in the keeping of) the law, become blame-   
 converted state of the Apostle) also (over less (i.e. having carried this righteous-   
 and above) in the flesh. If any other ness so far as to have become perfect in   
 man thinketh (spoken of his own judg- it, the sight of men. Calvin well dis-   
 ment of himself, not to be rendered tinguishes between the real and apparent   
 « seemeth,” and understood of other men’s righteousness in the law—the former   
 judgment of him: for how can other men’s before God, never possessed by any man:   
 judging of the fact of his having con- the latter before men, here spoken of by   
 fidence be in place here?—But it is his Paul :— He was therefore in men’s judg-   
 own judgment of the existence of the right ment holy, and spotless from all legal   
 to have confidence which is here in com- blame. A rare praise, and almost singular   
 parison) to trust in the flesh, I more: and yet let us sce how much he esteemed   
 5.] Reasons why. He compares it”). 7.) But whatsoever things   
 himself with them in three particulars: 1. (emphatic and general: these above men-   
 pure Jewish extraction: 2. legal exacti- tioned, and all others. The law itself   
 tude and position: 3. legal zeal. In cir- not included among them, but only his   
 cumcision (so literally: i.e. ‘as regards “ gains” from this and other sources)   
 circumcisiou ’) of eight (Gen. xvii. to me gains (different kinds of gain),   
 as distinguished from those who, as pro- these (emphatic) I have esteemed for   
 selytes, were circumcised in after life), Christ’s sake (see it explained below,   
 of the race of Israel (compare Rom. xi. 1; vy. 8, 9) as loss(“this one Loss he saw   
 2 Cor. xi. 22; not born of descent, in all which he speaks: hence no longer   
 Thdt.), of the tribe of Benjamin (a tribe the plural, losses.” Meyer). 8.] But   
 not to be ashamed of, Chrys.: it was one of moreover (or, nay more, not only have I   
 the two faithful ones: it had furnished the once for all this judgment, but I con-   
 first king of Israel, whom indeed the tinue to count, &c. The contrast is of   
 Apostle was named), an Hebrew, of He- sent judgment to his past one, mentioned   
 brews (i. e. from Hebrew parents and above), I also continue to esteem [them]