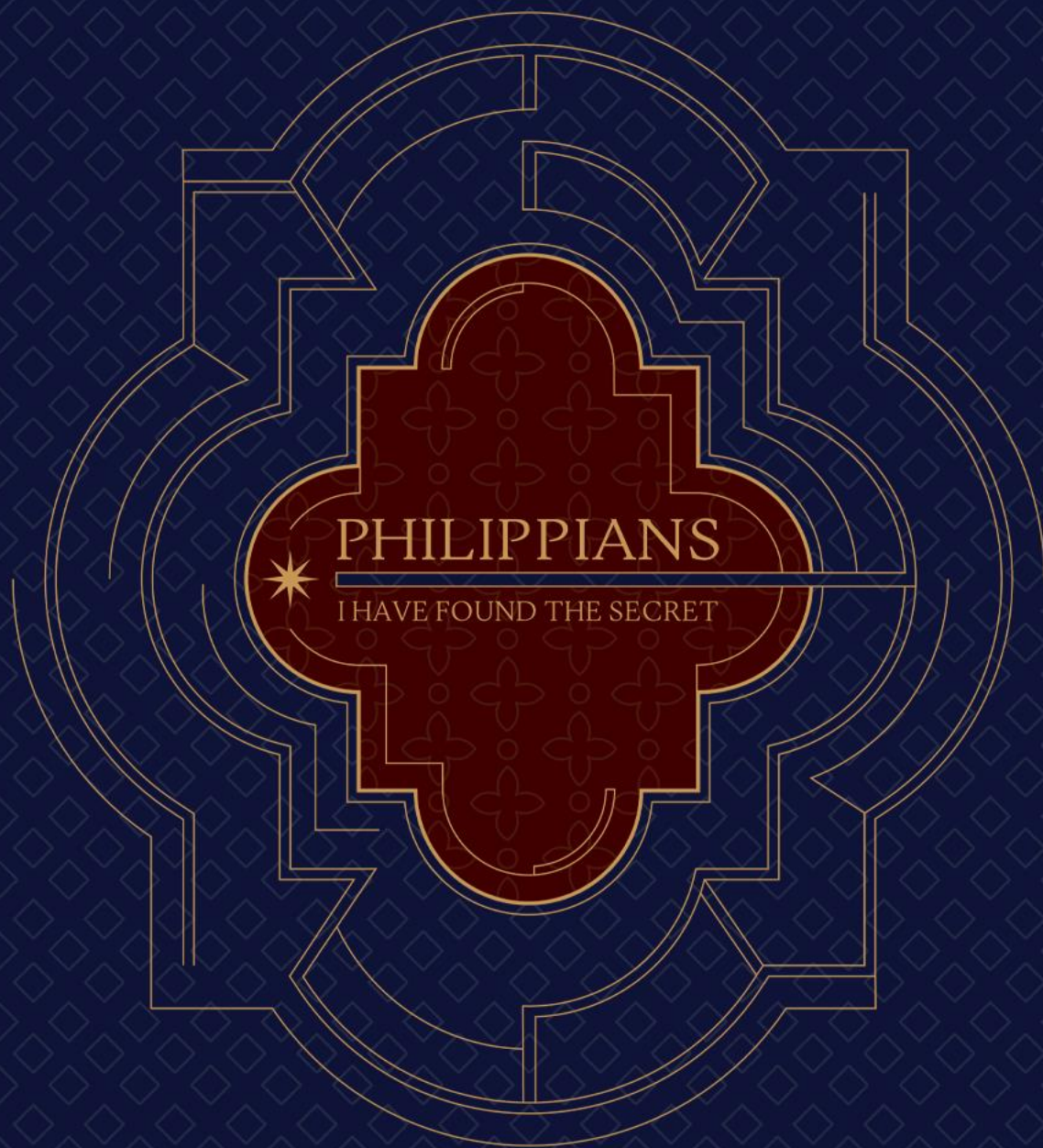




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Philippians 3:1-11

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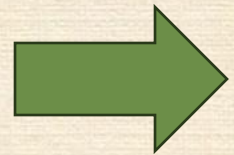


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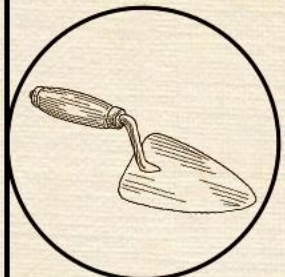
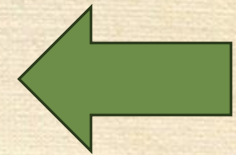
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Mondays, 6pm to 9pm

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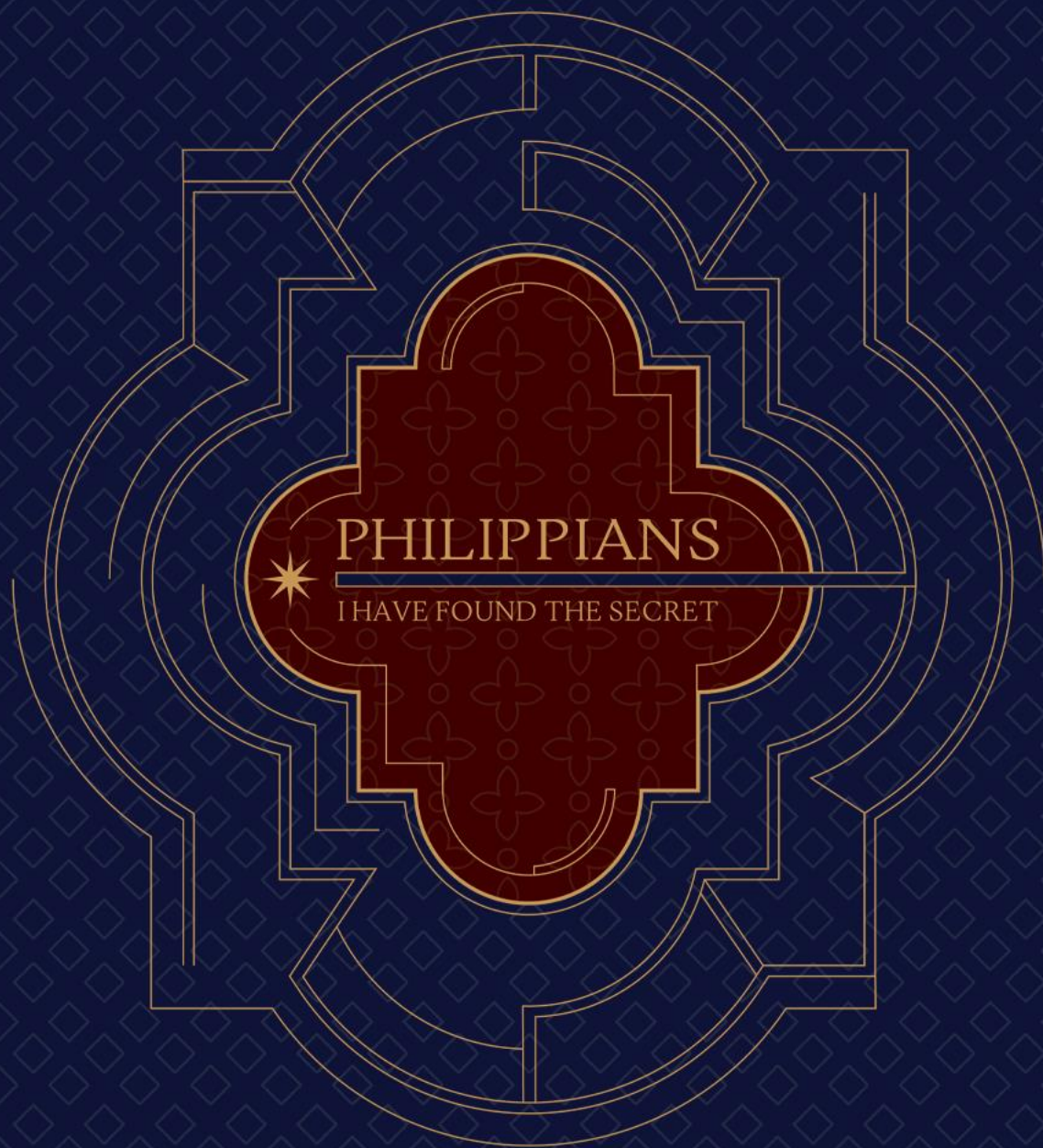
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Baptisms at Christmas Eve Service!

- Do you want to get baptized too?
- Use QR code or contact John Larsen





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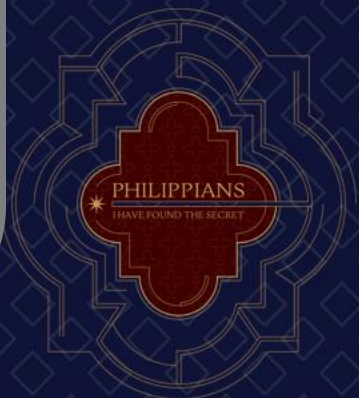
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Background on Circumcision

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Two ways to live

Flesh: Human Effort/Works

- Rely on self for living life
- Crave personal credit > Jesus
- Trust in their effort/works

Gospel: Dependent Living

- Live dependent on Holy Spirit
- Treasure/give credit to Jesus
- Don't boast in accomplishment



**I know I am valuable in life/in church
because I am the one
who excels in _____.**



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Philippians 3:3 (NET)



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