

**Philippians 3**

- ¹ Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you.
- ² Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh.
- ³ For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh—
- ⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:
 - ⁵ 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;
 - ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.
 - ⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.
 - ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ
 - ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.
 - ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,
 - ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.
 - ¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.
 - ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,
 - ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.
 - ¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.
 - ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained.
 - ¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.
 - ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.
 - ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.
 - ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,
 - ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.