

Philippians

PURSUING AUTHENTIC JOY

Philippians 3:1-3 ^{NIV}

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Dogs

Evildoers

**Mutilators of
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**Serve God by
His Spirit**

Boast in Christ

**Put no confidence
in the flesh**

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Philippians 3:4-6 ^{NIV}

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.

The Apostle Paul

ANCESTRY

Nation of Israel
Tribe of Benjamin
Ceremonial Circumcision
Hebrew of Hebrews

POSITIONS HELD

Pharisee

EXPERIENCE

Zealous Persecutor of the Church

CHARACTER

Faultless Righteousness based on the Law

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Philippians 3:7-8 ^{NIV}

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

Economics of the Cross

Gain = Loss

All things = Garbage

Knowing Christ = Surpassing Worth

All is loss compared to gaining Christ.

Philippians 3:9 NIV

...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.

Justification

An instantaneous legal declaration of complete forgiveness, and attainment of Christ's righteousness

Galatians 2:16 ^{NIV}

Know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by **faith in Jesus Christ**. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

Jesus + Nothing = Everything

“Consider what the gospel says. It does not tell us what we have to do to please God. Instead it announces that God is already pleased with us through our faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

Dr. Philip Ryken

Philippians 3:10-11 NIV

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.

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