

# Philippians 3

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## **Warning Against False Teachers**

- <sup>1</sup> Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe.
- <sup>2</sup> Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.
- <sup>3</sup> For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

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## **Righteousness Through Faith in Christ**

- <sup>4</sup> Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:
- <sup>5</sup> Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;
- <sup>6</sup> Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.
- <sup>7</sup> But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.
- <sup>8</sup> Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,
- <sup>9</sup> And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

**10** That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

**11** If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

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### **Pressing Toward the Goal**

**12** Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

**13** Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

**14** I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

**15** Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

**16** Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

**17** Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

**18** (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

**19** Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

**20** For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

**21** Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### Faith — πίστις (Pistis)

Faith, belief, trust

The Greek **pistis** (πίστις) denotes faith, belief, or trust—confidence in God's character and promises. It's both intellectual assent and relational trust, central to justification (Romans 5:1).

### Glory — δόξα (Doxa)

Glory, majesty, splendor

The Greek **doxa** (δόξα) means glory, splendor, or magnificence—the radiant manifestation of God's perfection. Christ revealed the Father's glory: 'we beheld his glory' (John 1:14).

### God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

### Heaven — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

### Law — νόμος (Nomos)

Law

The Greek **nomos** (νόμος) denotes law—particularly the Mosaic law. While believers are not under law but under grace (Romans 6:14), Christ fulfilled the law (Matthew 5:17) and wrote it on believers' hearts (Hebrews 8:10).

### Lord — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

### Resurrection — ἀνάστασις (Anastasis)

Resurrection, rising

The Greek **anastasis** (ἀνάστασις) means resurrection—rising from death to life. Christ's resurrection is the 'firstfruits' (1 Corinthians 15:20), guaranteeing believers' future bodily resurrection and victory over death.

### Righteous — δίκαιος (Dikaios)

Righteous, just

The Greek **dikaios** (δίκαιος) means righteous or just—conforming to God's standard. Christ's righteousness is imputed to believers through faith (Romans 4:5), making them legally righteous before God.

### Spirit — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

## CROSS REFERENCES

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### **Philippians 3:2**

**Parallel theme:** Philippians 3:19; Psalms 22:20; Matthew 7:15; 2 Corinthians 11:13; Galatians 5:6; 5:15; Titus 1:16; Revelation 21:8; 22:15. **Evil:** Psalms 22:16

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**Parallel theme:** Philippians 3:8; John 17:3; Romans 8:17; 2 Corinthians 1:5; 13:4; Galatians 2:20; Colossians 1:24; 1 John 2:3. **Resurrection:** Colossians 3:1; 1 Peter 1:3

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**Philippians 3:21** **Glory:** Colossians 3:4. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 25:8; 26:19; Hosea 13:14; Matthew 17:2; 22:29; 28:18; Romans 8:29; 1 John 3:2; Revelation 1:8

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