

## Philippians 3

King James Version (KJV)

**3** 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. (It is good to repeat what I have taught you for the sake of new people who are joining the church. It also serves as a reminder to those who already know God's Word)

<sup>2</sup>Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision. (Scumbags that act like dogs, fake preachers) (Concision – instead of circumcision, they cut off the whole thing – a self mutilation cult)

<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. (The doctrine of Jesus is not about the flesh; it's all spiritual)

(Religious circumcision was only for health and served as a precursor for when Jesus would later be sacrificed for our salvation. It is no longer required by God as an act of faith)

<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: (Still, we should take care of our flesh bodies. They are our shell while we are in this life. We need to keep ourselves healthy to have a good and long life)

<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; (Paul was a Benjamite <his mother> and a Roman <his father>)

<sup>6</sup>Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. (He was a zealous Pharisee who persecuted Christians in his early life. This was lawful as far as the Jews were concerned)

<sup>7</sup>But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. (Although he knew the scriptures, he had missed the coming of Messiah. He thought that Jesus was a false preacher)

<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, (But God chose Paul and corrected him on the road to Damascus. HE used Paul to spread the Word to many new areas and many new peoples; mostly gentiles) see Acts-9:15-17

(After Paul learned Christianity, he thought the traditions of the temple <the old ways with blood ordinances and statutes> were like dung in comparison. They do not apply today, any more than any other false religion. Only the Ten Commandments <the law> remain valid today)

<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: (By God's blessings, Paul became one of the best Bible teachers of all time. He worked very hard to change people who stuck to the old ways and ignored the teachings of Jesus. They were Paul's biggest adversaries when he taught the Gospel)

<sup>10</sup>That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; (Like Jesus, Paul suffered at the hands of the Pharisees and the Kenites) (One of the definitions of resurrection is to be raised to a higher level of consciousness. This applies to when we learn the truth of God's Word)

<sup>11</sup>If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. (of = from – bad translation; We are all spiritually dead until we accept Jesus as God and do His commandments)

<sup>1</sup>Thesalonians-4:13-18 (Resurrection also applies to when we die. We are immediately raised into our spiritual bodies and go into paradise. Only the dead flesh body remains in the grave; to decompose and be recycled into the earth; never to be raised again)

<sup>12</sup>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. (Paul hoped to make up for his earlier persecution of Christians by doing all these good works for Christ. To

be apprehended <captured> by Jesus Christ is to be a Christian and to be saved by Him)

<sup>13</sup> 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, (We all sin. After you repent and are forgiven, don't keep repenting for those old sins. You were forgiven. Go on with you life and try to do better in the future)

<sup>14</sup> I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (The prize that Jesus purchased for us is eternal life with God. Stay in His Word and don't veer off to one side)

<sup>15</sup> 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. (perfect = mature – better translation) (Study to be fluent in the Word of God, and He will give you wisdom to understand the deeper meanings)

<sup>16</sup> Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. (There is one true doctrine – the one that Jesus brought us. Live up to it. Don't just be a talker; be a doer)

<sup>17</sup> Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (Paul set the example for us)

<sup>18</sup> (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: (Check out any teaching to make sure it aligns perfectly with God's Word. if it doesn't, get rid of it. The truth is absolute. There is no "gray area")

(Example – homosexuality is a sin, not a lifestyle. Abortion is murder, not a woman's right to choose. There was a soul in that baby) see Luke-1

<sup>19</sup> Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) Romans-8:5-9 (Choose God and Heaven rather than the world with its greed and lusts)

<sup>20</sup>For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: (Stay focused and live today, for the life that awaits us in Heaven. The Ten Commandments are our guide)

<sup>21</sup>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. 1Corinthians-15:24-28, 50-58 (Jesus will give us immortality by forgiving our sins and accepting us in Heaven)