



Aim High with Confidence

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Philippians 3

Finally, my brethren,
rejoice in the Lord.

To write the same things *again* is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.

²Beware of the dogs,

beware of the evil workers,

beware of the false circumcision;

³for we are the *true* circumcision,

who worship in the Spirit of God

and glory in Christ Jesus

and put no confidence in the flesh,

⁴although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh.

If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more:

⁵circumcised the eighth day,

of the nation of Israel,

of the tribe of Benjamin,

a Hebrew of Hebrews;

as to the Law, a Pharisee;

⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church;

as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

⁷But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss
for the sake of Christ.

⁸More than that, I count all things to be loss

in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord,

for whom I have suffered the loss of all things,

and count them but rubbish in order

that I may gain Christ ⁹and may be found in Him,

not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law,

but that which is through faith in Christ,

the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith,

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¹⁰that I may know Him,

and the power of His resurrection
and the fellowship of His sufferings,
being conformed to His death;

¹¹in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained *it*, or have already become perfect,

but I press on in order that I may lay hold of that
for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

¹³Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet;

but one thing *I do*:

forgetting what *lies* behind
and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead,

¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God
in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude;

and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you;

¹⁶however, let us keep living by that same *standard* to which we have attained.

¹⁷Brethren, join in following my example,

and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.

¹⁸For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping,

that they are enemies of the cross of Christ,

¹⁹whose end is destruction,

whose god is *their* appetite,

and *whose* glory is in their shame,

who set their minds on earthly things.

²⁰For our citizenship is in heaven,

from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

²¹who will transform the body of our humble state

into conformity with the body of His glory,

by the exertion of the power that He has

even to subject all things to Himself.

4:1 Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long *to see*, my joy and crown,
so stand firm in the Lord, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in harmony in the Lord.

³Indeed, true comrade, I ask you also to help these women
who have shared my struggle in *the cause of the gospel*,
together with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers,
whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

⁵Let your forbearing *spirit* be known to all men. The Lord is near.

⁶Be anxious for nothing,
but in everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.

⁷And the peace of God,
which surpasses all comprehension,
shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brethren,
whatever is true,
whatever is honorable,
whatever is right,
whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely,
whatever is of good repute,
if there is any excellence
and if anything worthy of praise,
let your mind dwell on these things.

⁹The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me,
practice these things;
and the God of peace shall be with you.