

Philippians 3:1-11 (NRSVA)

3 Finally, my brothers and sisters,^[a] rejoice^[b] in the Lord.

Breaking with the Past

To write the same things to you is not troublesome to me, and for you it is a safeguard.

² Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of those who mutilate the flesh!^[c]

³ For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God^[d] and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh—⁴ even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ,^[e] the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ^[f] and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Footnotes:

- a) [Philippians 3:1](#) Gk *my brothers*
- b) [Philippians 3:1](#) Or *farewell*
- c) [Philippians 3:2](#) Gk *the mutilation*
- d) [Philippians 3:3](#) Other ancient authorities read *worship God in spirit*
- e) [Philippians 3:9](#) Or *through the faith of Christ*
- f) [Philippians 3:10](#) Gk *him*

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