

Christ's Righteousness in Me

Lesson 9: Philippians 3

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Themes: mind/think

- 2:2 being of the same mind
- 2:2 intent on one purpose
- 2:5 have this attitude
- 3:15 have this attitude
- 3:15 have a different attitude
- 3:19 who set their minds on earthly things
- 4:2 live in harmony in the Lord

Outline of the Letter

- 1:1-11 Introduction
- 1:12-3:1 Life in Christ
 - 1:12-26 The result of Paul's suffering for the gospel
 - 1:12-18 The spread of the gospel
 - 1:19-26 Ministry perspective in suffering
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 - 1:27-2:4 Characteristics
 - 2:5-11 The example of Christ
 - 2:12-30 Working out our salvation
 - 2:12-18 Characteristics
 - 2:19-30 The examples of Timothy and Epaphroditus
 - 3:1 Rejoice

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The flesh a false hope of salvation

Philippians 3:1-4

¹Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things *again* is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.

²**Beware** 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:

- True circumcision
 - Worships in the Spirit of God
 - Glories in Christ Jesus
 - Puts no confidence in the flesh
- True circumcision is not of the flesh

Righteousness from God true hope of salvation Philippians 3:5-8

⁵circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; **as to** the **Law**, a Pharisee; ⁶**as 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 so that I may **gain** Christ,

- Pauls' boast in the flesh
 - Being
 - Circumcised on the 8th day
 - From Israel
 - From Benjamin
 - A Hebrew of Hebrews
 - "As to"
 - Law – Pharisee
 - Zeal – a persecutor of the church
 - Righteousness – blameless
- The gain of fleshly righteousness is now loss

Paul's response to salvation

Philippians 3:9-12

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**,
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 so that I may **lay hold of** that for which also I was **laid hold of** by Christ Jesus.

- The two types of righteousness
 - From the Law
 - From God, through Christ on the basis of faith
- Christ lays hold of us
- We seek to lay hold of that for which Christ laid hold of us

Our response to salvation

Philippians 3:13-16

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.

- Having not yet laid hold of
 - Forget what lies behind
 - Reach forward to what lies ahead
- Athletic imagery for the Christian life

Our response to salvation

Philippians 3:17-21

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.

- We are to follow good Christian examples
- Our citizenship is in heaven
- We expect our Savior to come back from heaven

Summary

- Beware of those who put confidence in the flesh
- We need to count all things loss compared with knowing Christ
- We need the righteousness from God through faith in Christ
- We need to press on to lay hold of that for which Christ laid hold of us
- We are citizens of heaven
- When our Savior returns our humble bodies will be transformed into glorious bodies