

Focus: Pride Philippians 3:1-11

We live in a world of relationships, responsibilities, distractions, and diversions all competing for our attention and affection. But in the midst of overwhelming options, God has given us the book of Philippians to focus our faith, which includes placing our confidence on the finished work of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 3:1

Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! To write this again is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.

Psalms 42:5

Why are you depressed, O my soul?
Why are you upset?
Wait for God!
For I will again give thanks
to my God for his saving intervention.

Philippians 3:2

Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of those who mutilate the flesh!

Philippians 3:3-4

For we are the circumcision, the ones who worship by the Spirit of God, exult in Christ Jesus, and do not rely on human credentials, though mine too are significant. If someone thinks he has good reasons to put confidence in human credentials, I have more

Philippians 3:5-6

I was circumcised on the eighth day, from the people of Israel and the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews. I lived according to the law as a Pharisee. In my zeal for God I persecuted the church. According to the righteousness stipulated in the law I was blameless.

Philippians 3:7

But these assets I have come to regard as liabilities because of Christ.

Philippians 3:8

More than that, I now regard all things as liabilities compared to the far greater value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things – indeed, I regard them as dung! – that I may gain Christ,

Philippians 3:9

and be found in him, not because I have my own righteousness derived from the law, but because I have the righteousness that comes by way of Christ's faithfulness – a righteousness from God that is in fact based on Christ's faithfulness.

Philippians 3:10-11

My aim is to know him, to experience the power of his resurrection, to share in his sufferings, and to be like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Romans 8:22-23

For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers together until now. Not only this, but we ourselves also, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we eagerly await our adoption, the redemption of our bodies.