

*Let this mind be in you...*

## Study 4

I press toward the mark  
of the high calling

# Paul's Letter to the Philippians — Outline

## **3:1–4:3      The Philippians' affairs—again**

3:1–4      At Issue: The threat of Judaism

3:4–14    The example of Paul

3:15–4:3 Application and a final, direct, appeal

## Dogs in Scripture

- **Symbol of the ungodly** (Psa. 22:16, 20; 59:6, 14; Prov. 26:11; Isa. 56:10; Rev.22:15)
- **Symbol of Gentiles:** (Matt. 15:26; Mark 7:27)
- **Shunned to outside the city** (Rev. 22:15)
- **Come out at night** (Psa. 59:6, 14)
- **Frequent the streets of cities** (Psa. 59:6, 14)
- **Greedy** (Isa. 56:11)
- **Scavengers that eat rubbish, dead creatures, offal, and even its own vomit** (1 Kings 14:11; 16:4; 21:19, 23; 22:38; 2 Kings 9:10, 36; Mark. 7:26–27, Luke 16:21; Psa. 68:23; Prov.26:11; Luke 16:21; 2 Pet. 2:22)

## Workers of iniquity

- **Psa. 37:1** Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against **the workers of iniquity**.
- **Psa. 92:9** For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all **the workers of iniquity** shall be scattered.
- **Psa. 125:5** As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with **the workers of iniquity**: but peace shall be upon Israel.
- **Prov. 21:15** It is joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction shall be to **the workers of iniquity**.
- **Luke 13:27** But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye **workers of iniquity**.

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  - Kittel: “in the LXX, this word is only used to describe the forbidden act of cutting the skin: ‘always for the forbidden rite of slitting the skin’ (eg., Lev. 19:28; 21:5; Deut. 14:1; 1 Kings 18:28).”



## Philippians 3:2–3

Beware of dogs,  
beware of evil workers,  
beware of the concision.

For **we** are the circumcision,  
which worship God in the spirit,  
and rejoice in Christ Jesus,  
and have no confidence in the flesh.

## Balance sheet

But whatever	to be for me	=	<b>gain</b>
The same	I considered because of Christ	=	<b>loss</b>

# INVENTORY STOCKTAKE SHEET

ITEM	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Circumcised 8 <sup>th</sup> Day	100%	<b>THE FLESH PROFITS NOTHING!</b>
Stock of Israel	100%	
Tribe of Benjamin	100%	
Hebrew of Hebrews	100%	
A Pharisee	100%	
Zeal – Persecuting Ecclesia	100%	
Law – Blameless	100%	

## Philippians 3:9

a. not having mine own righteousness,

b. which is of the law,

c. but that which is through the faith of Christ,

a. the righteousness

b. which is of God

c. upon the basis of faith

“I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Surely, shall one say, **in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed. In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.**”

*Isaiah 45:23–25*



## Philippians 3:10

He wants to know...

1. Him
2. The power of his resurrection
3. The fellowship of his sufferings

## The power of resurrectional thinking

- “For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.” **2 Cor. 13:4**
- “Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:” **Eph. 2:5–6**
- “I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live yet not I.” **Gal. 2:20**
- “And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.” **Gal. 5:24–25**
- “That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.” **Rom. 8:4**

# Fellowship of his sufferings

There are two reasons:

## 1. In obedience to God:

“Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered” (**Heb. 5:8**)

## 2. On our behalf:

“For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted” (**Heb. 2:18**).

...the resurrection of the dead

**resurrection**

ἐξανάστασιν

***exanastasin*** from *ek* (out of) *ana* (up) and *hestimi* (cause to stand)

Thus: cause to stand up out of, or out of the standing up

## Philippians 3:8-10

That I may win/gain Christ:

I want to be found (at judgement) having:

**FUTURE**

Lived by faith not in self righteousness

**PRESENT**

Knowing Christ's resurrection power and sufferings,  
even to death

**PRESENT**

That I attain unto resurrection to life eternal

**FUTURE**

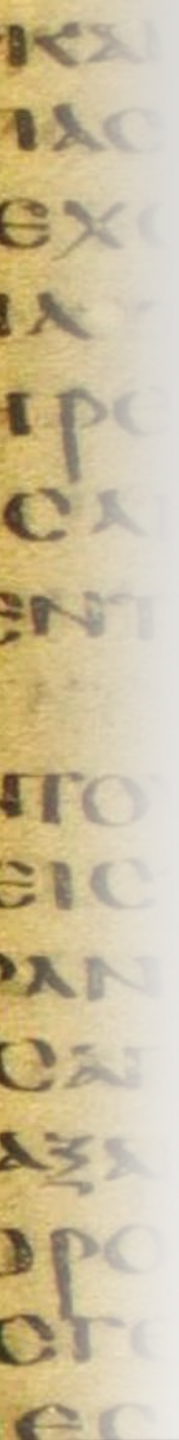
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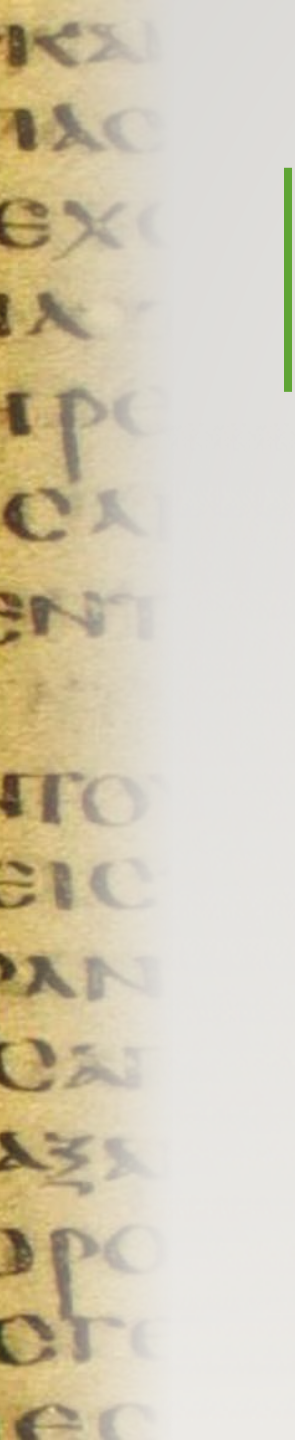
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a. I pursue to take hold of that which I am taken hold of by Christ (v.12)

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  - b. but this one thing I do,
    - forgetting those things which are behind,
    - and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
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- To win Christ (v.8)
- To grasp hold of resurrection unto immortality (v.11)

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- **rule:** *kanōn* — “measure, line, rule, straight, principle, law, standard”. Used of measuring a leap as in the Olympic games.

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