

# Choose Joy: The Book of Philippians

## Part 8 (Philippians 3:1-11)

### Philippians 3:1-11 (NKJV)

- (1) Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe.
- (2) Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation!
- (3) For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,
- (4) though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so:
  - (5) circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee;
  - (6) concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.
  - (7) But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.
  - (8) Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ
  - (9) and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;
  - (10) that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,
  - (11) if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

### I. Beware of Dog...? (3:1-2)

A. Who are these dogs, evil workers, and mutilation?

B. They are \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Matthew 7:15

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

#### Galatians 6:11-16

#### Revelations 22:15

But outside *are* dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

### II. Dung, Rubbish, Garbage!? (3:3-8)

A. **σκύβαλον** (*skoo'-bal-on*): translated as dung/rubbish/garbage- Neuter of a presumed derivative of G1519 and G2965 and G906; what is *thrown to* the *dogs*, that is,

*refuse (ordure): - dung.*

- B.** Why does Paul consider his accomplishments to be “rubbish?”
  - i. By human standards, Paul had impressive credentials.
  - ii. Paul realized that the only thing that amounted to anything was his \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.
- C.** We must \_\_\_\_\_ to gain our highest status and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Philippians 2:25**

Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need;

**Philippians 4:15**

Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.

**III. Whose Righteousness? (Philippians 3:9-11)**

- A.** We cannot be justified before God on our own goodness or merits.
- B.** Our righteousness comes Christ.

**2 Corinthians 5:21**

For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.