



Philippians

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“He must daily be to our hearts the perfect mirror, in which we behold how much God loves us and how well, in his infinite goodness, as a faithful God, he has grandly cared for us in that he gave his dear Son for us. Do not let this mirror and throne of grace be torn away from before your eyes.”

- Martin Luther

Marks of a believer:

- Worship by the Spirit
- Glory in Christ Jesus
- Put no confidence in the flesh

“Self-righteousness is a deadly thing:
it is a proud refusal of mercy,
and a rebellion against grace.”

- C. H. Spurgeon

Paul's pedigree:

- Circumcised on the eighth day
- Of the people of Israel
- Of the tribe of Benjamin
- Hebrew of Hebrews
- As to the law, a Pharisee
- As to zeal, a persecutor of the Church
- As to righteousness under the law, blameless

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1. Our confidence is in Christ alone.

“It’s not just our sins that can keep us from Jesus. Sometimes it’s our virtues. Sometimes it’s the best we have to offer. Sometimes it’s the things we think actually make us good people. And those things can keep us from Christ.”

- Brian Hedges

“The great missionary John G. Paton, struggling to find a local word which would translate ‘faith’ and failing to find one, was interrupted by someone in great trouble and needing help. ‘Please, may I come and lean heavily upon you?’ he said.

“Faith is leaning heavily upon Christ: not labour but cessation of labour, not doing but ceasing to do; simply leaning the whole weight of our needs upon him, and finding in him acceptance before the presence of God, and a righteousness which could never be ours by our own works.”

- J. Alec Motyer
The Message of Philippians

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2. We treasure Christ above all else so that:
 - We may know him
 - We may know the power of his resurrection
 - We may become more like him

“Indeed, I count everything as loss
because of the surpassing worth of knowing
Christ Jesus my Lord.”

- *Philippians 3:8* [ESV]

“There’s a difference between knowing God and knowing about God. When you truly know God, you have energy to serve Him, boldness to share Him, and contentment in Him.”

- J. I. Packer