



# THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

## events

**Aloha!** Thank you for joining us this morning. If you would like to know us better, please visit the welcome table.

**Nursery and Kids' Church** are available. Parents, please sign-in your children at the nursery.

**Women's Bible Study** starts on Jan 19. Sign up and purchase the book, *Unshakable Hope* by Max Lucado, at the back table.

**Communion** today.

**Food Drive** today

**Pickleball** (all ages) Wednesdays 6-7:30 pm

**Kid's Basketball** Saturdays noon

### Ways to Give:

- Online on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church

### 2022 Budget Final Numbers

- Budgeted - \$340,000
- Actual Giving - \$361,525
- Actual Expenses - \$335,765

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**Andrew Severinsen**  
**Philippians 3:1-16**

**Big Idea:** There is nothing better than knowing Jesus (3:1-11). Since there is nothing better than knowing Jesus, we pursue growing in our relationship with Him above everything else (3:12-16).

- There is nothing better than knowing Jesus.
- Because this is true, we...
- Communion — a commitment to this truth

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## GRACE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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### What does it mean?

1. How would you summarize the big ideas thus far in Philippians?
2. Though Philippians 3:1 roughly marks the middle of the letter, Paul begins this section with "Finally . . ." The Greek word, however, might better be translated "So then"—which may suggest that Paul is picking up an earlier point. With the rest of Philippians 3:1 in mind, what theme/verses from Philippians 2 might Paul be returning to?
3. What might be the connection between the command to "rejoice in the Lord" in Philippians 3:1 and what follows in Philippians 3:2–11?
4. Who are the "dogs", "evildoers", and "those who mutilate the flesh"? How does Paul want us to understand them?
5. Philippians 3:9 uses the word "righteousness" in two different ways. One is so-called righteousness and the other is true righteousness. Describe the difference.
6. Compare these four phrases: "to know him," to know "the power of his resurrection," to "share in his sufferings," and "becoming like him in his death" (Phil. 3:10). Do you sense any tension or see any surprises between any of them? Explain.
7. How would you paraphrase Philippians 3:1-11?
8. What language does Paul use in Philippians 3:12–14 to describe his approach to the Christian life? What imagery is he conveying? What does it say about the nature of Christian growth?
9. Why might Paul consider it a mark of maturity to recognize your own imperfection?
10. How would you paraphrase Philippians 3:12-16?

### How does it apply?

1. Why is justification by faith alone, with nothing added, important? What makes it difficult?
2. Describe what life looks like for someone depending on their own efforts to become righteous? What's it look like? What's it feel like?
3. Describe what life looks like for someone who has been declared righteous through faith alone? What's it look like? What's it feel like?
4. How do you see yourself putting confidence in your achievements? What things are you hesitant to lose or "count as rubbish" for the sake of Christ? Why?
5. What does knowing Jesus more mean for you?
6. How would you explain your current strategy for growing in your "knowledge" of Jesus?
7. What kinds of results is your strategy producing?
8. What thoughts or feelings do you experience when hanging with others who are growing in their knowledge of Jesus?
9. What thoughts or feelings do you experience when hanging with those who don't "know" Jesus?
10. If you have someone in your life who isn't desiring to "press on" in the way Paul describes, what would your encouragement to them be?