

Gloriously Acceptable

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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

*3 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.
2 Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.*

—Philippians 3:1-2 (ESV)

1. Paul's WARNING: Hidden Danger!

3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—

—Philippians 3:3 (ESV)

2. Myth: I Can Make MYSELF Acceptable to God

4 though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

—Philippians 3:4-6 (ESV)

7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

—Philippians 3:7-8 (ESV)

9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

—Philippians 3:9 (ESV)

3. Truth: Only JESUS Can Make Me Acceptable to God

APPLICATION:

1. Trust Jesus as Your Savior
- 2, Seek a Personal Relationship with Jesus
3. Gratefully Give Your Life to Jesus