

Philippians 3:1-11, 8th March 2015

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¹ 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. 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— 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. 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 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— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. (ESV)

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Intro: Asking for help

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“How to be a church”

“let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ” (1:27)

1. Watch out for _____ (v1-6)

Something extra, as well as Jesus

The Issue: C _____

And keeping J _____ L _____

We are the Covenant P _____ of G _____

No confidence in the f _____

“f _____” – our bodies – ie, without Jesus.

Danger: Gospel-p _____

2. Grasp hold of G _____ (v7-9)

Receive what J _____ has achieved: the g _____ of Righteousness

Paul’s a _____ with God

Righteousness – being r _____ w _____ God

We need h _____ !

3. Rejoice in J _____ (v10-11)

Paul’s I _____

Immense s _____ of gratitude, wonder, amazement