

## I Want to KNOW Christ ~ Philippians 3:1-11

→Scripture Reading Phil. 3:8-11

### INTRODUCTION

- people courtyards on their knees
- Martin Luther

### Put NO CONFIDENCE in Your own EFFORTS ~ Philippians 3:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. <sup>2</sup> Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh. <sup>3</sup> For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh

<sup>2</sup> Watch out for those dogs, those people who do evil, those mutilators who say you must be circumcised to be saved. <sup>3</sup> For we who worship by the Spirit of God are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort... (NLT)

**Acts 15:1** (HCS) Some men came down from Judea and began to teach the brothers: "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom prescribed by Moses, you cannot be saved!"

<sup>5</sup> ...some of the BELIEVERS from the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to command them to keep the law of Moses!" (HCS)

<sup>7</sup> After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them: Brothers, you are aware that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles would hear the gospel message and believe. (HCS)

<sup>8</sup> And God, who knows the heart, testified to them by giving the Holy Spirit, just as He also did to us. <sup>9</sup> He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts BY FAITH. (HCS)

<sup>11</sup> ...we BELIEVE we are SAVED through the GRACE of the Lord Jesus in the same way they are. (HCS)

<sup>4</sup> though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.

#### By BIRTH...

- circumcised on the eighth day
- of the people of Israel
- of the tribe of Benjamin
- a Hebrew of Hebrews

#### By CHOICE

- a Pharisee
- a Persecutor of the church
- faultless in his Legalism

### APPLICATION

<sup>2</sup> Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those MUTILATORS of the flesh. <sup>3</sup> For it is WE who are the CIRCUMCISION, WE who WORSHIP by the Spirit of God, [WE] who GLORY in Christ Jesus, and [WE] who put NO CONFIDENCE in the flesh...

→We Christians are the ones who WORSHIP God by the Spirit of God

**Colossians 3:17** (NIV) And whatever you DO, whether in WORD or DEED, DO IT ALL in the NAME of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## →We Christians are the ones who GLORY or Exult in Christ Jesus

**Romans 11:33-36** (NIV) Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out! <sup>34</sup> "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor?" <sup>35</sup> "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay Him?" <sup>36</sup> For from Him and through Him and to Him are ALL things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen.

## →We Christians are the ones who Put NO CONFIDENCE in human Efforts

<sup>2</sup> Watch out for those dogs, those people who do evil, those MUTILATORS who say you must be circumcised to be saved. <sup>3</sup> ...We RELY on what Christ Jesus HAS DONE FOR US. We put no confidence in human effort... (NLT)

**Romans 3:20-23** (NIV) ...NO ONE will be declared righteous in His sight BY OBSERVING the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now a righteousness FROM God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness from God comes through FAITH in Jesus Christ to all who believe...

## I Consider ALL Things a LOSS ~ Philippians 3:7-9

<sup>7</sup> But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in Him, NOT having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ - the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

→Gain or Loss

→Gain or Loss (filled in chart)

→LOSS of ALL Thing - GAIN CHRIST

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→LOSS of ALL Thing - GAIN CHRIST

## My GOAL is to KNOW Christ ~ Philippians 3:10-11

<sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings, becoming like Him in his death,

Just as Christ died FOR sin - we should also die TO sin. BKC

It takes DIVINE strength to suffer for Christ. That is why the power of His resurrection is put before the fellowship of His sufferings. MacDonald

<sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

It means resurrection out from among other corpses ...perhaps he was using this word to refer to the Rapture. BKC

## TAKE AWAY ??

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