

Philippians 3 Outline

- 1A** A call to rejoicing and the need for repetition, 1: As for the rest, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not a bother, but for you it is stability.
- 2A** One warning, three expressions, 2: Beware the dogs, beware the evil-workers, beware the mutilation.
- 3A** Explanation of the warning, the true circumcision 3: For we ourselves are the circumcision, the ones who serve the Spirit of God, and celebrate in Christ Jesus, and have not had confidence in the flesh;
- 4A** The possibility of Paul's confidence, vv.4-6:
 - 1B** The superiority of Paul's resume, 4: though I myself might also have confidence in the flesh; if anyone else assumes to be confident in the flesh, I much more:
 - 2B** The particulars of Paul's resume, 5: eighth day circumcision, from the race of Israel, tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews, a Pharisee according to the Law,
 - 3B** Two major activities, as expressions of self, 6: persecuting the church according to zeal; becoming blameless according to the righteousness which is in the Law.
- 5A** The new attitude toward the old self, vv.7-11:
 - 1B** The change from gain to loss, and reason, 7: But what things were gain to me, these things I deem a penalty because of Christ.
 - 2B** The extension of the attitude to all things, and reason, 8a: But therefore also I deem all things to be a penalty through the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord;
 - 3B** Christ as motivation for the attitude, and purpose, 8b: for whose sake I am penalized, and I deem to be excrement, that I might gain Christ,
 - 4B** Second purpose, vv.9-10:
 - 1C** The purpose and its condition, 9: And I might be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own which is from the Law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, which is righteousness from God upon faith;
 - 2C** The attendant purpose, 10: for the knowing of Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,
 - 3C** The condition to the attendant purpose, 11: if by any means I might arrive to the exit-resurrection from the dead.
- 6A** The current status, and action, vv.12-14:
 - 1B** First statement, 12: Not that I already received it, or that I am already complete; but I pursue, if indeed I might take hold of that which I was taken hold of by Christ Jesus.
 - 2B** Restatement, 13: Brothers, I myself do not consider to have taken hold of it; but one thing, forgetting the things behind, and stretching for those ahead,
 - 3B** Method, 14: I pursue in line with the mark upon the prize of the upward calling of God in Christ Jesus.
- 7A** A call to godliness, vv.15-21:

- 1B A call to a single conclusion, 15: Therefore let us conclude this, as many as are mature; and if anyone concludes differently, then God will reveal this to you;
- 2B Restatement of the call, 16: Nevertheless, to what we have overtaken, to line up to the same rule, the same thinking.
- 3B The call to imitation, 17: Become imitators of me, brothers, and note those who walk accordingly, just as you have us for a pattern.
- 4B Explanation of imitation: the existence of enemies, vv.18-19:
 - 1C The existence of enemies, 18 For many walk, about whom I have told you many times, and now tell you while also crying, the enemies of the cross of Christ;
 - 2C Characteristics of the enemies, 19: whose end is destruction, whose God is the stomach, and the glory is in their shame, who think earthly things.
- 5B Explanation of imitation: source of citizenship and transformation, vv.20-21:
 - 1C Source of citizenship and resulting action, 20: For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we wait eagerly for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;
 - 2C Transformation, and purpose, 21: who will transform our lowly body, to become conformed to His body of glory, according to the inner working of power for Him, and to subdue all things to Himself.