



¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained.



¹ Further, my brothers and sisters, 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.² Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. ³ For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh –

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Καυχάομαι (kauchaomai) "to put one's full trust and confidence in something"



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 σ άρξ (sarx)

1. Physical body 2. Humanity in its broken state under the power of Sin and Death (without Jesus and the Holy Spirit) Philippians 3:3 (NIV 2011)

⁴...though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put 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; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

Philippians 3:4-6 (NIV 2011)

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Δικαιοσύνη (dikaiosynē) A state of rightness; the way things should be



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> γνῶσις (gnōsis) Personal, relational knowing Philippians 3:7-8 (NIV 2011)

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> Σκύβαλον (skybalon) Excrement, manure [vulgar] Philippians 3:7-8 (NIV 2011)

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I consider them garbage, 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 is through faith in Christ the faithfulness of Christ*- the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

NIV Footnote: "Or through the faithfulness of"

Philippians 3:8b-9 (NIV 2011)

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