

Welcome to Spiritual Wisdom Knowledge and Understanding

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This message is “Part 2 of Who’s Going in the Rapture focusing on Philippians 3”

I count Philippians 3 as one of the most soul bearing chapters in the Bible from Paul. Even he was weeping when writing it based on what he said in verse 18.

That means this is very important. So let’s take a hard look at this because it not only identifies the Christian we are called to be and ought to be, it also leads direct to our getting caught up with Christ in the clouds; hence why I call this part two on who’s going in the rapture.

Philippians 3:1 New King James Version (NKJV)
All for Christ
3 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you <i>is</i> not tedious, but for you <i>it is</i> safe.

Starting off in verse one, Paul says that even though he’s repeating himself, it’s no issue to him but it is safe for us. Remember, when something is mentioned more than once in scriptures, it’s important. This also adds credibility to these statements.

Philippians 3:2 New King James Version (NKJV)
² Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation!

Verse two is a beware verse and look at the descriptions he used: dogs, evil workers, and mutilation.

Let’s identify them:

- Dogs – are driven by their emotions. If they feel threatened, they will attack, even loved ones. They lose control easily.
- Evil workers – these are individuals who are trying to cause harm or destroy something. Their ultimate goal is to harm or break something. They’ll do it sneakily and on purpose. This is their intent.
- Mutilation or concision (to amputate Strong’s G2699) – This is physical harm to the body. Painful deep cuts that the person survives from but is scarred. Notice the way Paul says this – beware of the mutilation. This could go two ways...beware of those who want to mutilate you and those that were mutilated. Those that were mutilated want to lash out and make everyone hurt like they do. These are people who don’t trust and will lash out in self-defense; very similar to dogs driven by their emotions. Just like a dog, if they feel their bowl of food is threatened, they attack.

This is a very interesting group of people Paul tells us to beware of. Let’s define the word beware so we have a clear understanding of what Paul is saying here.

The screenshot shows a dictionary entry for the word "beware". On the left side, there is a vertical toolbar with icons for a star, "CITE", "A>あ", Facebook, Twitter, and Google+. The main content area displays the word "beware" with a speaker icon. Below the word is the phonetic transcription "[bih-wair]" and buttons for "Spell" and "Syllables". There are links for "Examples" and "Word Origin", and a link to "See more synonyms on Thesaurus.com". The entry defines "beware" as a verb (used with object) and a verb (used without object). The first definition is "to be wary, cautious, or careful of (usually used imperatively): Beware such inconsistency. Beware his waspish wit." The second definition is "to be cautious or careful: Beware of the dog."

So Paul is telling us to be cautious of people like this. They have potential to hurt us if we come on their radar. You have to ask yourself, are you a person that can be identified to fit in any of these three groups?

The most interesting common denominator between them all is that you, the believer want to reach out to help them but you don't know what's going on under the surface.

That leads to verse 3, a distinction between spirit and flesh.

Philippians 3:3 New King James Version (NKJV)
³ For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit,^[a] rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,

In essence, being in the spirit will help us beware of those mentioned in verse 2. He's also making a distinction of those in the spirit – speaking to the Jews in identifying their circumcision promise from God to Abraham, and those that have no confidence in the flesh. These are those who worship God in spirit and rejoice in Christ Jesus – implying the meaning that those walking in the spirit are those who believe in the Messiah and act on that belief.

Philippians 3:4-8 New King James Version (NKJV)
⁴ though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: ⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.
⁷ But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

Verses 4 – 8 is a side note from Paul identifying that he's the perfect person for the law. He's done everything they told him and he counts it as trash. All that work done in the flesh amounted to nothing. He is telling us that salvation isn't in the flesh but in the spirit if you want it to count toward something. This part is difficult to understand because what is spirit? It's wind. You can hear the wind through the leaves on a tree but you can't see the wind.

You can't see the spirit.

John 16:13 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

This unseen force will guide you to the truth and speak with you. You will hear and understand as a believer in Christ.

Philippians 3:9-11 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹ if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Verse 9 – 11 is key here to going up in the rapture. The first statement Paul says in verse 9 and it's a continuation from verse 8 is "and be found in Him", with a capital H.

Remember what Jesus said to the 5 foolish virgins who came back asking to be let in? This is found in Matthew 25:12 (note this is after the prophecy chapter Matthew 24 meaning this statement relates to the end times)...Jesus said "I do not know you".

Matthew 25:12 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹² But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'

Paul clearly states in verse 9 that we need to be found in Jesus. Jesus needs to find us, know us. It's not just us knowing Jesus.

So my question to you right now, does Jesus know you? If you're hesitating, uh – oh.

How does Jesus recognize or finds you?

It's by "the righteousness which is from God by faith", the last part of verse 9. He continues in verse 10 "¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹ if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead."

This is powerful. He knows us, we know Him by His faith because we can't see Him like the wind (thank God it's His faith that helps us see and understand Him) leading to the power of His resurrection joining in with His sufferings conforming to His death...in essence, if He rose from the dead, we can rise from the dead. Hallelujah! And this applies to living and dying normally or changing in the twinkling of an eye in the rapture.

Doesn't this sound very close to a relationship? Yes. What happens when two teenagers become BFF's in school? They start to dress alike, act alike, go to the same places together, etc. They enjoy each other's

company and other things fall by the way side because their relationship becomes what is most important to them.

Philippians 3:12-14 New King James Version (NKJV)

Pressing Toward the Goal

¹² Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

He continues in verses 12 – 14 forgetting the past and aiming / attaining the goal, which is the prize ‘upward call of God in Jesus Christ’.

The moment we let go of our body, whether in death or in the twinkling of an eye (rapture), the prize is hearing that trumpet or that call from God telling us to come upward to Him. Hallelujah!

You see, by letting go of your past, not trusting in yourself, having Faith in God...He will capture you when you go up from His calling. He won't let you down. He won't give up on you. He will keep His promise!

Philippians 3:15-16 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁵ Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. ¹⁶ Nevertheless, to *the degree* that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, ^a let us be of the same mind.

Verses 15 and 16 speak about the maturity level as a Christian. Having this mindset is mature. Notice in verse 16, we haven't reached the degree that he is speaking about but he is saying just even to this degree, we can be of the same mind. That's inferring the faith as small as a mustard seed because sometimes it's hard for us to have more faith than that.

Philippians 3:17 New King James Version (NKJV)

Our Citizenship in Heaven

¹⁷ Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

Verse 17 clearly tells us we have an example to follow...Paul example and others like him.

Philippians 3:18-19 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁸ For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: ¹⁹ whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is* their belly, and whose glory *is* in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.

Then see verse 18 and 19 talking about people that are pretending this kind of walk. These are the people he initially called dogs, evil workers, and mutilators back in verse 2. These are the people whose

end task is destruction. Everything to them is about self – making their belly full, they love and glory to see you suffer, and whose mind is on earthly matters.

Philippians 3:20-21 New King James Version (NKJV)

²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Hallelujah! Our citizenship is in heaven and our body will conform – change – transform so that it aligns to His glorious body, which He (God did), not us!

Again – HALLELUJAH!

God is doing this folks. Our part is small. We just need to relate with Him. Be His BFF – best friend forever literally.

And let me blunt – the person relating with God is going in the rapture! Because He knows you. You two are BFF’s. If He doesn’t know you, He can’t take you with Him.

And remember, if you’re not, you can start now. And if you miss the catching up in the clouds with Christ Jesus, you still have a chance...a hard one but not impossible. You will have to die to show you believe in God and let me just say, you won’t be able to die the first 5 months of the tribulation.

Revelation 9:6 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁶ In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.

You see, many people will recognize that they missed the rapture and will come to realize they are about to go through a period of suffering unheard of...so they think, let me kill myself but God intervenes and doesn’t allow that to happen. He is going to make sure that whoever enters this period of time will suffer!

And let me give you a little more background on this time period.

This seven-year tribulation period is for the Israelites, and 144,000 will be sealed and kept from these things, but everyone else, whether Jew or Gentile will be forced to go through this tribulation.

Daniel 9:24-26 New King James Version (NKJV)

²⁴ “Seventy weeks^[a] are determined
For your people and for your holy city,
To finish the transgression,
To make an end of^[b] sins,
To make reconciliation for iniquity,
To bring in everlasting righteousness,
To seal up vision and prophecy,
And to anoint the Most Holy.

²⁵ “Know therefore and understand,
That from the going forth of the command
To restore and build Jerusalem
Until Messiah the Prince,
There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks;
The street^[a] shall be built again, and the wall,^[b]
Even in troublesome times.

“And after the sixty-two weeks
Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;
And the people of the prince who is to come
Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.
The end of it shall be with a flood,
And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

Israel has already went through sixty-two weeks (years) of tribulation and then Messiah was cut off. That was at the time Christ was crucified. There still remains 7 weeks (years), which is called the great tribulation.

Here’s a breakdown explaining this briefly: (See link)

<https://www.neverthirsty.org/bible-qa/qa-archives/question/is-it-significant-that-the-7-weeks-and-62-weeks-are-separated-in-dan-925/>

This passage breaks up those 70 weeks into seven weeks and then sixty-two weeks for a total of 69 weeks. Then verse 27 discusses the last week, the seventh week. Each week is prophetic, and each one equals seven years. This means that the seventy weeks of Dan. 9:24 equal 490 prophetic years. Before proceeding further, we would encourage the reader to study “[Prophecy of Daniels’ 70 Weeks](#).” It will explain some important details that will be assumed in the following comments.

Since verse 25 calls out two groups of time as “seven weeks,” and then “sixty-two weeks” we understand them to cover a period of 49 years and 434 years. Since the command to build and restore Jerusalem came in 444 B.C., the 49 years end in 395 B.C. which corresponds to the time that the last of the Old Testament books was written. It also corresponds to the end of the ministries of Ezra and Nehemiah. Is there some other significant event to which this date corresponds? We do not know.

The remaining 434 years when added to the 49 years equals 483 years, which take us to the last week in which Jesus died. This prophecy is primarily about the death of the Messiah and the future seven years of tribulation.

Here’s another breakdown explaining why Israel must go through this:

http://www.defendproclaimthefaitth.org/Daniels_490_Years.html

Because Israel failed to repent of the sin which caused the captivity, the law called for an additional 490 years of punishment. This prophecy involved exactly 490 years or the period of time that Israel should have been punished. This 490 period can be looked at as probationary time. (paragraph 4)

Let me just say that September 23, 2017, when the Revelation 12 sign appears in the heavens, the sky, this is probably going to start this last seven years, since this sign has not happened before and we don't see it happening any time in the future. And most believe the rapture will take place around the beginning of this seven-year period...which means it could and probably will happen on 9/23 or within the ten days that lead up to the day of atonement, the Jewish holiday.

Whether you believe this or not, ignorance is not bliss. Jesus said watch...

Matthew 24:42 New King James Version (NKJV)
⁴² Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour ^[a] your Lord is coming.
Matthew 25:13 New King James Version (NKJV)
¹³ "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour ^[a] in which the Son of Man is coming.

Notice, Jesus said this twice. That means it's very important.

And watching means you are aware – cautious of what is about to happen.

Let's pray...

Dear Heavenly Father, help me to watch and be aware of what is going on. Help me to understand the seasons and the times. Help me to be strong and to be your BFF, best friend forever. Help me hear and understand You. Help me reach out to You. I declare You Lord Jesus over this. In Jesus' name Amen!

May the Lord richly bless you!

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