



THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

CHAPTER THREE

MONDAY

WEEK 3

READ & OBSERVE

- Philippians 3:1-6
- Galatians 3:1-14
- Colossians 2:9-15

INTERPRET & APPLY

- What is the difference between putting confidence in the flesh and serving God by His Spirit? Tip: Underline the verbs and adjectives associated with each option.
- In what ways have you been trying to externally change without relying on God's "circumcision" of your heart? Pray about those things in light of Colossians 2:9-15.

TUESDAY

WEEK 3

READ & OBSERVE

- Philippians 3:7-11
- Matthew 13:44-45
- John 17:3
- Romans 4
- Hebrews 10:1-18
- word study (next page)

INTERPRET

- What does Paul long for more than boasting in his religious accomplishments listed in v. 4-6?
- What does it mean to 'KNOW' Christ, GAIN Christ, and be FOUND IN Christ?
- What is RIGHTEOUSNESS, and what is it that makes someone RIGHTEOUS?

WORD STUDY

GINOSKO, G1097

GE-NO'-SKO

know" (Phil. 3:8, 10; John 17:3)

to know, feel, understand,
perceive; to have intimate
knowledge of, as a husband
knows a wife

DIKAIOSYNĒ, G 1343

DI-KAY-A-SÜ'-NE

"righteousness"

the status or condition of being
acceptable to God

More verses about righteousness at
bit.ly/Strongsg1343

TUESDAY

WEEK 3

APPLY

- Is there anything you find more valuable than knowing Christ? Is there anything that's difficult to lose?
- In what ways do you rely on or trust yourself for your righteousness rather than on what God has done for you? **REPENT** from these things and **RECEIVE** God's sacrifice that makes you holy. **REJOICE** in His faithfulness to you that precedes your faithfulness to Him!

WEDNESDAY

WEEK 3

READ & OBSERVE

- Philippians 3:12-14
- Hebrews 12:1-2
- Luke 3:8, 15:10
- Acts 2:38, 3:19
- Romans 2:4
- 2 Corinthians 7:9-11
- Matthew 6:9-13
- Word Study (next pages)

INTERPRET & APPLY

- What does it mean to repent and what are some characteristics of repentance? check out bit.ly/G3340
- What is something from the past that that is still affecting your present and keeping you from moving forward? How can you "throw off" that entanglement?

WORD STUDY

METANOEO, G3340

translated "repent"

to change one's mind, for the better, to heartily amend with abhorrence of one's past sins

More about repentance and the verses it's mentioned at bit.ly/G3340

THROW IT OFF

HOW DO WE 'FORGET'?

Overcoming our past is not a matter of denying it, it's a matter of disarming it. Our past has power over us when we a) walk in shame and condemnation for our failures or b) walk in unforgiveness and bitterness towards those who've failed us.

Our weapons to disarm both are 1) repentance and 2) forgiveness.

We can repent and forgive because Jesus BECAME sin. He was tormented to the point of death to satisfy God's wrath against sin. There's no punishment left for you... or for those who've hurt you.

Confessing your sin is the door to receiving forgiveness, and receiving forgiveness gives power for releasing forgiveness. This disarms your past by laying it to death with Christ, and allowing new life to come... because the same power that raised Christ from the dead lives in you!

THURSDAY

WEEK 3

READ & OBSERVE

- Philippians 3:12-16, 1:6, 2:12
- Romans 7-8
- Galatians 2:20-21
- 1 Corinthians 1:18
- Romans 12:1-2

INTERPRET & APPLY

- What has Paul not obtained but he's pressing on to take hold of?
- What is the irony of what Paul describes as "mature?"
- What is an example from your life of when transformed thinking led to transformed action?

**GOD'S
KINGDOM
IS BOTH
NOW
AND
NOT YET**

For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. -Hebrews 10:14

The Gospel is good news
that Jesus

HAS SAVED US

from

THE PENALTY

of sin. This is our

JUSTIFICATION.

This means we are

declared righteous--

holy and acceptable--

before a Holy God.

Just as if I never sinned.

The Gospel is good news
that Jesus

IS SAVING US

from

THE POWER

of sin. This is our

SANCTIFICATION.

This means we are in the
process of becoming more
like Christ in our character
and behavior as we yield
to the Spirit at work in us.

The Gospel is good news
that Jesus

WILL SAVE US

from

THE PRESENCE

of sin. This is our

GLORIFICATION.

This means he will return
to remove all sin, restore
all brokenness, and make
all things new.

FRIDAY

WEEK 3

READ & OBSERVE

- Philippians 3:17-4:1
- 2 Timothy 2:2
- 1 Corinthians 6: 11-20
- 1 Corinthians 15:35-5
- 2 Corinthians 5
- John 17:14-19
- Historical Context (next page)

INTERPRET & APPLY

- How does the promise of a future body, like Christ's resurrected body, influence your life in the interval between salvation and your physical death/resurrection?
- Who do you look to and imitate as a follower of Christ? Who is looking up to you as a model for following Christ?

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

Rome was led by power-hungry men who wanted to exploit their positions of authority and take over the world. We've already seen that Jesus is different, giving up his position to serve, obey, and even die for the salvation of His people. But Paul is actually borrowing, and redeeming, a term the Roman's used. "Ambassadors" were 'representatives' meant to bring the culture and authority of Rome to cities and villages like Philippi. As Christ's Ambassadors, we bring the culture of our place of citizenship--heaven--where God reconciles all things to himself. So as followers (disciples) of Jesus, we share the message of reconciliation so that other people can follow Jesus (discipleship). The more we KNOW Christ and what He's done, the more we will want to MAKE HIM KNOWN.



HISTORICAL

CONTEXT

**DISCIPLESHIP IS
TRANSGENERATIONAL.**

And the things you
have heard me say...
entrust to **reliable men**
who will also be qualified
to teach **others.**
- 2 Timothy 2:2

**PURSUE A PAUL.
BE A BARNABAS.
TRAIN A TIMOTHY.**

SATURDAY

RECAP

CHAPTER THREE

At the end Ch. 3, we see a culmination of everything Paul has said so far. In Ch. 2, he lifts Jesus as the ultimate leader who offers rescue--not by exploiting his power and position, but by humbly serving. This is the mindset we also can, and should, have. Why? Because we are temples of the Spirit of God. If we let the Spirit of Jesus within us determine how we live, the world can catch a glimpse of what He's like.

From Ch. 3, we see that living a holy life won't make us any more worthy of God's approval. We can only receive acceptance from God by relying on what HE has done. Does this mean we're perfect? Not yet! But we know God has put his Spirit in us as a deposit of what's coming. Does that mean it doesn't matter how we live? Nope. Heaven made its home in us! So we live in our bodies as citizens of heaven and ambassadors to earth... bringing the culture of heaven everywhere we go. Our position with God isn't determined by how well or how poorly we represent him. But if we have a MIND like Christ, we will continue to grow in laying down our preferences, serving others, and walking in holiness.