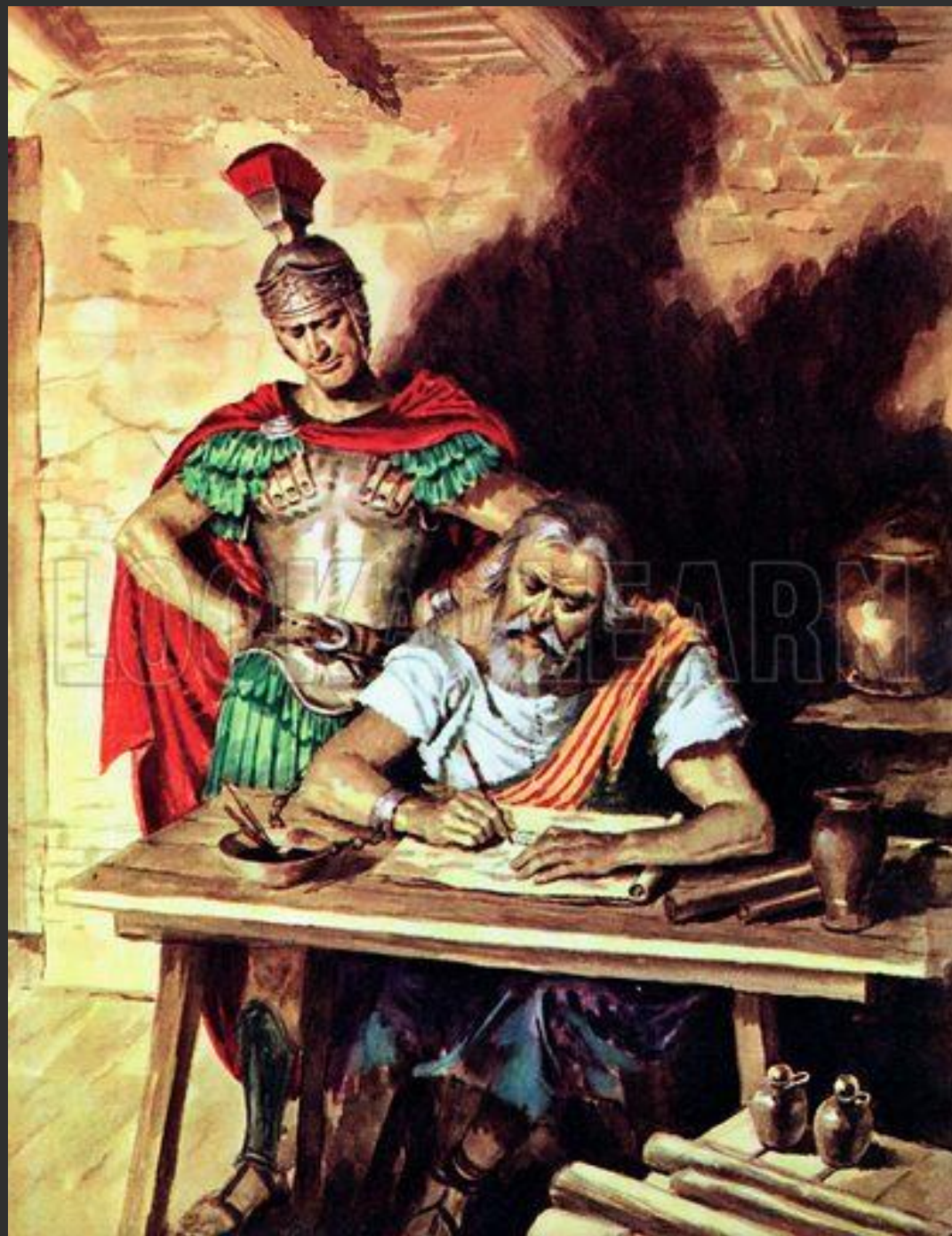


**The Joy of Gospel
Righteousness
Part 2**

Philippians 3:1-11







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(1) Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you *it is safe*.

(2) Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation!

(3) For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,

Philippians 3:1-11

- (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.**

Philippians 3:1-11

(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

Philippians 3:1-11

- (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.**

REVIEW

I. The Repetition of Sound Doctrine 1

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safe = a safeguard

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Verse 3

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What kind of righteousness is saving righteousness?

Paul gives his personal testimony

Steve Lawson: “The Greatest Testimony Ever Given”

His past ~ His conversion ~ His future

He points people to Jesus

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Paul gives 7 examples in verses 5-6

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blameless.

blameless = above reproach

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(7) But what things were gain to me,
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Galatians 1:13-14

(13) For you have heard of my former conduct in
Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God
beyond measure and *tried to destroy it*.

(14) And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my
contemporaries in my own nation, being more
exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

III. The Righteousness of Saving Doctrine 4-11

(8) Yet indeed I also count **all things** loss
for the **excellence** of the knowledge
of Christ Jesus my Lord . . .

excellence = surpassing value or worth

III. The Righteousness of Saving Doctrine 4-11

Matthew 13:44

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like **treasure hidden in a field**, which a man found and hid; and **for joy over it** he goes and **sells all** that he has and buys that field.

Matthew 13:45-46

- (45) "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls,
- (46) who, when he had found **one pearl of great price**, went and **sold all** that he had and bought it.

III. The Righteousness of Saving Doctrine 4-11

(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

rubbish = refuse, garbage, dung, manure

Isaiah 64:6

But we are all like an unclean *thing*,
And all our righteousnesses *are* like **filthy rags** . . .

III. The Righteousness of Saving Doctrine 4-11

(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**;

Romans 3:20

Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be
justified (**declared righteous**) in His sight,
for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

III. The Righteousness of Saving Doctrine 4-11

Romans 3:21-22

But now **the righteousness of God** apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even **the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe . . .**

Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; Hebrews 10:38

The just (those who are truly righteous) shall live by faith.

III. The Righteousness of Saving Doctrine 4-11

(10)

that I may **know** Him

John 17:3

And this is eternal life,
that they may know You,
the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

III. The Righteousness of Saving Doctrine 4-11

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that I may **know** Him
and the power of **His resurrection**,
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Conclusion

“The Joy of Gospel Righteousness”

There is great joy in knowing that our salvation does not depend on our own righteousness, but on the perfect righteousness of Christ applied to our lives when we trust in Him. That’s why it is “good news”.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become **the righteousness of God** in Him.

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Romans 14:17

for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but **righteousness** and **peace** and **joy** in the Holy Spirit.

Conclusion

The Solid Rock – 381

1st Stanza

“I dare not trust the sweetest frame . . .”

4th Stanza

“When he shall come with trumpet sound,

Oh may I then in Him be found;

Dressed in His righteousness alone

Faultless to stand before the throne.”