

3:1 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.

3:2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation!

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

3:4 though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so:

3:5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee;

3:6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

3:7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.

3:8 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

3:9 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;

3:10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

3:11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

[From today's sermon.

Paul was in prison. Yet, he boldly continued to encourage the people of the church in Philippi without fear.

In prison, he must have been reflecting on his life. He must have compared his life before he came to know Jesus Christ with his life after he came to know Him.

Sometimes we hear the plaintive cry, "I believe, but why?" After you have faith, your way of thinking and being can change in a roundabout way. Sometimes you may feel happy because of it, and other times you may feel unhappy.

But Paul tells you that it is "not a bother," that it is not frustrating, annoying, annoying, or tiresome, but a safety for you, a guard.

It used to be a perfect life that everyone envied. You had no problems and a promising future. You were perfect without fault. But after he came to Christ, he says, what he had previously thought of as good became chattel feces and garbage because of the immense value of the knowledge of Christ.

Finding Christ is life. He speaks of life in the faith of Christ. He speaks of the power of the

resurrection working there. He says that even in the midst of suffering and death, we can rejoice because the power of resurrection works in us as we believe and live in Christ.

Good morning, everyone.

We are now in the middle of October, and in two months we will celebrate Christmas and enter the end of the year.

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful autumn days, and I hope you are storing up lots of warmth from the sun in your bodies for the winter.

Now we are reading the book of Philippians.

Paul was in prison. It must have been a difficult life. I think he was anxious about the future. But there was Timothy, who was like a parent to him, and who was like a son to him, serving with him for the sake of the gospel. He had Timothy, who was like a father to him and respected him, and his brother Epaphrodite, who was a fellow worker and a friend in the war, and who helped him out of his poverty. But he did not want to keep these precious people to himself, but to send them to Philippi to help and encourage the church.

It is interesting that verse 1 says at the end, but at this point it is in the middle of this letter, which has four chapters. Here we see Paul trying to speak passionately about something even more important.

Rejoice in the Lord."

To these words, some will respond emphatically, "Yes, yes, I am glad, I am happy, I am thankful," while others will say, "How in the world can I be joyful in this situation?"

I repeat here the same thing I wrote earlier, but it will be less bothersome to me and safer for you.

You are told to rejoice, and that may be bothersome to those who are in difficult circumstances. If we unpack the meaning of the Greek word, it may be frustrating, annoying, annoying, tedious, tiresome, tiresome, troublesome, awkward, and unwieldy.

People who believe in religion, people who take everything positively, who don't think deeply, who don't reflect, who just appreciate, believe, delegate, leave it to others and don't look at their own feet, who are really like aliens! Some of you may think that.

Paul's former life was a glittering one.

3:4 For if any man ask of the flesh, I have none to ask of the flesh: but if any man ask of the flesh, I have none to ask of the flesh. If any man saith that he dependeth on the flesh, I depend more on it.

3:5 I am a man circumcised on the eighth day, a man of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew among Hebrews, a Pharisee according to the law,

3:6 a persecutor of the church in point of zeal, and one without fault as to the righteousness of the law.

He was the high brother of the famous scribe Gamaliel, a vigorous man who went to Damascus with authority from the chief priests and was active in capturing Christians. He was a promising hope for the future. He thought he was a brilliant and capable man without fault, but all was not as it seemed. Then he met Jesus, and his life was transformed.

But that change also put him in this prison. He was hostile from outside and inside the church, and very few people truly understood his feelings. He probably never felt lonely and isolated. But was this the way he was now, was his life after coming to know Christ “bothersome” to him? Was it frustrating, annoying, annoying, tedious, tiresome, tiresome, troublesome, awkward, and unwieldy? His present life, with death next to it, full of difficulties. Reflecting on his life in prison, no, no, this is not bothersome. He is convinced that this suffering of mine is a way of life that leads to Jesus, that this is safety for them who proclaimed the Gospel, and that this is the Lord's protection that he is conveying. His walk in that prison, and all that happens to him, is a work “for which he has put his life and his death on the line for the work of Christ,” a life “in the service of the gospel,” that he may “be pure without reproach, a child of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and wicked age. And ye shall hold fast the word of life, and shine in the world as stars among them.” He tells us that this is the kind of life that he is talking about.

3:2 Be on your guard against those dogs. 3:2 Be on your guard against those dogs, and be on your guard against the evil workers. 3:3 Be on your guard against those who put the circumcision mark on the flesh.

3:3 For we are the circumcision, who worship in the spirit of God, and boast in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

3:7 But these things which were profitable to me I now consider as loss because of Christ.

3:8 I have gone further, and count all things as loss because of the great value of the

knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord. I have lost everything because of Christ, but I consider them as dirt. For I have lost everything because of Christ,

I have lived in the past, having lost everything because of Christ. But of the immense value of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord. We have obtained something of such tremendous value that everything else fades away in the face of its immense value.

I would like to take a moment to quietly reflect on my own strength, wisdom, learning, position, and power that I used to have before I met Jesus Christ, and the peace, strength, and assurance that I have in my heart since I met Him. We are not strong people, we are weak, we have little wisdom, and our judgment is not extraordinary. There is no golden rule or prescription in this world, and we all struggle to find our own happiness by groping for it.

But after meeting Christ, our lives have been transformed. Our lives have been transformed. The treasure we have in Christ is so glorious that our old things seem like dirt, dust, and garbage.

Jesus, the Son of God, humbled Himself and died a substitutionary death for us, redeeming us.

2:6 Christ, being in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be adhered to,

2:7 Instead, He humiliated Himself and took the form of a servant, taking the form of a man.

2:8 And he abased himself, and was not like unto man,

2:8 He humbled himself, and was obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

With this Jesus, we can live if we believe in Him.

3:9 That we may receive not our own righteousness by law, but that which is by faith in Christ, that is, the righteousness which is from God which is based on faith, that we may find ourselves in Christ.

3:10 That he may know Christ and the power of his resurrection, and be partakers of his sufferings, and be likened to his death,

3:11 That he may somehow attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Instead of finding God in ourselves, in our future, in our plans, we find ourselves in Christ. There may be pain, hardship, and trials that you will suffer to the point of death. As Paul did when he was in prison. But even in the midst of that suffering, he comes to find himself in Christ, that is, he comes to know Christ and the power of His resurrection, and in His suffering, he becomes one with His death, and after that, he wants to somehow reach the resurrection from the dead, believing that the power of the resurrection is at work here. They believe that the power of resurrection is at work here.

The power of the resurrection shines here. No matter how difficult it is, the power of the resurrection is at work in our lives with Christ. This is our hope. Because we have this hope, we can rejoice no matter what comes our way. The power of the resurrection is at work in us who are willing to give up what we have and rejoice in the immense knowledge of Christ, instead of following those who have. I want to speak of this hope and joy. This path is not a bother, but assurance and safety, peace and joy. This is our testimony.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for today's worship. When Paul was in prison and looking back on his life, there must have been times when he wondered how it had come to this. But he had a certainty. He was convinced that even in the midst of mortal suffering and persecution, through the power of Christ and His resurrection, he too would reach the resurrection from the dead. Please guide all sufferers into God's salvation and peace. Bless our families and our community. Use us. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.