

## Philippians 3:1-16 Translation

<sup>1</sup> Finally, my brothers, Rejoice in the Lord! It is not a problem for me to write the same things to you. And it is in your best interest. <sup>2</sup> Watch out for the dogs. Watch out for the evil workers. Watch out for the mutilators.

<sup>3</sup> Because WE are the true circumcision – the ones who serve God by His Spirit and who boast in Christ Jesus and who do not put any confidence in the flesh. <sup>4</sup> Even though I have reason to boast in the flesh, if anyone else has reason to boast in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> I was circumcised on the eighth day; from the nation of Israel; from the tribe of Benjamin; a full blooded Hebrew; in relation to the law, set apart with the strictest sect; <sup>6</sup> with regard to zeal, persecuting the church; with regard to the righteousness by the law, I was blameless.

<sup>7</sup> But whatever was advantageous to me, because of Christ I have concluded that these things are a disadvantage. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I conclude that everything else is a disadvantage because of the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord – for whose sake I have forfeited all these things. I consider them crap, so that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own, which comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith.

<sup>10</sup> I have forfeited these things in order to know Him – that is the power of His resurrection and sharing in His suffering – being conformed to His death <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup> – not that I have already received this or have already been made perfect, but I fervently pursue it, expecting to take hold of it because I have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I don't conclude that I myself have taken hold of it, but one thing I do: forgetting the things behind and straining toward the things ahead, <sup>14</sup> I fervently pursue toward the goal, for the trophy of the higher call of God in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> Therefore, as many are mature, we have this mindset. And if someone has a different mindset, God will also reveal that to you. <sup>16</sup> In any case, let us live in conformity to that which we have already attained.