

## Phil 3:2-11 mws

### v. 2

Βλέπετε

PAImp2pl

fr. βλέπω

be ready to learn about something that is needed or is hazardous, watch, look to, beware of  
to be ready to learn about future dangers or needs, with the implication of preparedness to  
respond appropriately, to beware of, to watch out for, to pay attention to, 'watch out for those  
who do evil things'

κύνας

an infamous person, dog, figurative in invective, cf. Rev 22:15

a particularly bad person, perhaps specifically one who ridicules what is holy, bad person, dog

κακούς

pertaining to being socially or morally reprehensible, bad, evil, of persons, evil-doer

pertaining to being bad, with the implication of harmful and damaging, bad, evil, harmful,  
harshly

ἐργάτας

one who is engaged in work, worker, laborer, in transferred sense, of apostles and teachers, cf. 2  
Cor 11:13, 2 Tim 2:15

one who characteristically engages in a particular activity, worker, one who does, one engaged in

κατατομήν

mutilation, cutting in pieces, in wordplay, probably to denote those for whom circumcision  
results in spiritual destruction

mutilation by severe cutting, as an exaggerated reference to circumcision, to mutilate, mutilation

### v. 3

περιτομή

one who is circumcised, fig. of believers in Jesus Christ (as truly circumcised people of the  
promise), cf. v. 5

to circumcise, circumcision

λατρεύοντες

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fr. λατρεύω

to serve, only of the carrying out of religious duties, especially of a cultic nature, by human  
beings, 'those who worship by the Spirit of God', cf. Rom 1:9, Luke 2:37, Heb 9:9, 10:2

καυχώμενοι

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fr. καυχάομαι

to take pride in something, boast, glory, pride oneself, brag

to express an unusually high degree of confidence in someone or something being exceptionally  
noteworthy, to boast

## σαρκί

the outward side of life as determined by normal perspectives or standards, ‘place ones trust in earthly things or physical advantages’

the psychological aspect of human nature which contrasts with the spiritual nature, in other words, that aspect of human nature which is characterized by or reflects typical human reasoning and desires in contrast with those aspects of human thought and behavior which relate to God and the spiritual life, human nature, human aspects, natural, human

## πεποιθότες

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fr. πειθω

to be so convinced that one puts confidence in something, depend on, trust in someone or something, cf. 1:14, 2:24

to believe in something or someone to the extent of placing reliance or trust in or on, to rely on, to trust in, to depend on, to have complete confidence in, confidence, trust

## v. 4

### καίπερ

although

a marker of concession, although, though, even though

### πεποίθησιν

a state of certainty about something, to the extent of placing reliance on, trust, confidence, ‘put one’s trust in physical matters’ cf. Eph 3:12, 2 Cor 8:22

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### πεποιθέναι

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fr. πειθω

see above

### δοκεῖ

PAI3sg

fr. δοκεω

to consider as probable, think, believe, suppose, consider, with infinitive following when its subject is identical with that of the infinitive

to regard something as presumably true, but without particular certainty, to suppose, to presume, to assume, to imagine, to believe, to think

### μᾶλλον

to a greater of higher degree, more, cf. 1:9, 12, ‘I can do so even more’

a degree which surpasses in some manner a point on an explicit or implicit scale of extent, more, more than, to a greater degree, even more

## v. 5

### περιτομή

see above

### ὀκταήμερος

on the eighth day, ‘circumcised on the eighth day (lit. ‘a person-of-eight-days relative to circumcision)’

pertaining to taking place on the eighth in a series of days, on the eighth day, ‘circumcised on the eighth day’

### γένους

a relatively large people group, nation, people, cf. Acts 7:19, Gal 1:14

a relatively large group of persons regarded as being biologically related, race, ethnic group, nation’

### φυλῆς

a subgroup of a nation characterized by a distinctive blood line, tribe

subgroup of a nation which is regarded as being more closely related biologically than the entire nation, tribe

### Ἑβραῖος

Ethnic name for an Israelite, Hebrew, in contrast to other nations, Hebrew/Aramaic-speaking Israelite in contrast to a Greek-speaking Israelite, ‘Paul emphasizes his fluency in his ancestral language, cf. 2 Cor 11:12

### κατὰ

denoting relationship to something, with respect to, in relation to, cf. v. 6

a marker of a specific element bearing a relation to something else, in relation to, with regard to

### νόμον

constitutional or statutory legal system, law, specifically: of the law that Moses received from God and is the standard according to which membership in the people of Israel is determined  
a formalized rule (or set of rules) prescribing what people must do, law, ordinance, rule

### Φαρισαῖος

Pharisee, ‘specifiers’, the party of accurate and specific observance of the law

a member of an important religious and political Jewish party at the time of Jesus and the apostles. The Pharisees constituted a significantly larger group than the Sadducees and differed with them on certain doctrines and patterns of behavior. The Pharisees were strict and jealous adherents to the laws of the OT and to numerous additional traditions, Pharisee

## v. 6

### κατὰ

marker of norm of similarity or homogeneity, according to, in accordance with, in conformity with, according to, as a periphrasis to express equality, similarity, or example, in accordance with, just as, similarly to, to indicate the nature, kind, peculiarity or characteristics of a thing, ‘with zeal, zealously’

ζήλος

intense positive interest in something, zeal, ardor, 'as far as zeal is concerned'  
to have a deep concern for or devotion to someone or something, to have a deep concern for, to be devoted to, earnest concern, cf. Gal 4:17

διώκων

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fr. διώκω

to harass someone, especially because of beliefs, persecute, cf. Gal 1:13, 23, 4:29  
to systematically organize a program to oppress and harass people, to persecute, to harass, persecution

ἐκκλησίαν

people with shared belief, community, congregation, the global community of Christians, (universal) church

δικαιοσύνην

the quality or characteristic of upright behavior, uprightness, righteousness, uprightness as determined by divine/legal standards, cf. v. 9, Gal 2:21, 3:21  
the act of doing what God requires, righteousness, doing what God requires, doing what is right

ἄμεμπτος

blameless, faultless, of persons of exceptional merit, cf. 2:15, 1 Thes 3:13  
pertaining to being without fault and blame, blameless, without blame, innocent, guiltless

## v. 7

ἅτινα

a reference to an indefinite entity, event or state, whoever, whoever, whatever

κέρδη

that which is gained or earned, a gain, a profit, cf. 1:21, Titus 1:11  
that which is gained or earned, gain, profit, not restricted to monetary gain or profit, it may refer to any kind of benefit or advantage

ἤγημαι

PfM/PdepI1sg

fr. ἡγεομαι

to engage in an intellectual process, think, consider, regard, cf. v. 8, 2:3, 6, 25  
to hold a view or have an opinion with regard to something, to hold a view, to have an opinion, to consider, to regard

ζημίαν

damage, disadvantage, loss, forfeit, 'consider something a loss' cf. Acts 27:10, 21  
to suffer the loss of something which one has previously possessed, with the implication that the loss involves considerable hardship or suffering, to suffer loss, to forfeit

## v. 8

μενοῦνγε

rather, on the contrary, more than that  
relatively emphatic markers of contrast, but, on the contrary, on the other hand

ἡγοῦμαι

PM/PdepI1sg

fr. ἡγοομαι

see above

ζημίαν

see above, ‘for the sake of whom I have suffered the loss of all things

ὑπερέχων

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fr. ὑπερεχω

to surpass in quality or value, be better than, surpass, excel, cf. 2:3, 4:7, ‘the surpassing greatness of personal acquaintance’

to be of surpassing or exceptional value, to be exceptionally valuable, to surpass in value, to be better, ‘I consider everything to be loss for the sake of that which is of surpassing value, namely, the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord’

γνώσεως

the content of what is known, knowledge, what is known, = personal acquaintance, was a matter of inestimable value for Paul

to possess information about, to know, to know about, to have knowledge of, to be acquainted with, acquaintance

ἐζημιώθη

API1sg

fr. ζημιωω

to experience the loss of something with implication of undergoing hardship or suffering, suffer damage/loss, forfeit, sustain injury, ‘for whose sake I forfeited everything’

to suffer the loss of something which one has previously possessed, with the implication that the loss involves considerable hardship or suffering, to suffer loss, to forfeit

σκύβαλα

useless or undesirable material that is subject to disposal, refuse, garbage, ‘consider everything garbage/crud’, ‘to convey the crudity of the Greek...; “it’s all crap”’

worthless or unwanted material that is rejected and normally thrown out, rubbish, litter, trash

κερδήσω

AAS1sg

fr. κερδαινω

to acquire by effort or investment, to gain, ‘gain Christ, make him one’s own’

to gain by means of one’s activity or investment, to earn, to gain, to make a profit

## v. 9

εὑρεθῶ

APS1sg

fr. εὕρισκω

to come upon something either through purposeful search or accidentally, find, accidentally, without seeking, find, come upon someone, ‘that I might be found in Christ’

to attain a state, with the supplementary implication of discovery, to attain to, to discover

## δικαιοσύνην

quality or state of juridical correctness with focus on redemptive action, righteousness, ‘On the one hand, God’s δικαιοσύνη is pardoning action, and on the other a way of sharing God’s character with believers, who then exhibit righteousness in the moral sense, God achieves this objective through exercise of executive privilege in dispensing justice equitably without reference to νόμος by making salvation available to all humanity (which shares a common problem of liability to wrath by being unanimously in revolt against God) through faith in God’s action in Jesus Christ.’

to cause someone to be in a proper or right relation with someone else, to put right with, to cause to be in a right relationship with

## ἐκ

marker denoting origin, cause, motive, reason, from, of, to denote derivation, come, derive from someone or something

marker of the source or an activity or state, with the implication of something proceeding from or out of the source, from, by

## διὰ

marker of instrumentality or circumstance whereby something is accomplished or effected, by, via, through, of efficient cause, via, through

marker of the means by which one event makes another event possible, by means of, through, by

## πίστεως

state of believing on the basis of the reliability of the one trusted, trust, confidence, faith, of faith in Christ, designed by the addition of certain words, ‘faith in Jesus Christ’

to believe in the good news about Jesus Christ and to become a follower, to be a believer, to be a Christian, Christian faith

## ἐπὶ

marker of basis for a state of being, action, or result, on, ‘on the basis of faith’ cf. Acts 3:16

a marker of the basis of some event, on the basis of, in view of

## v. 10

### γινῶναι

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fr. γινωσκω

to have come to the knowledge of, have come to know, know, of persons, know someone

to learn to know a person through direct personal experience, implying a continuity of relationship, to know, to become acquainted with, to be familiar with

### δύναμιν

potential for functioning in some way, power, might, strength, force, capability, specifically, the power that works wonders, ‘the effectiveness of his (Christ’s) resurrection, which brings about the resurrection of the believers

a deed manifesting great power, with the implication of some supernatural force, mighty deed, miracle, the potentiality to exert force in performing some function, power

## ἀναστάσεως

resurrection from the dead, resurrection, of Jesus' resurrection  
to come back to life after having once died, to come back to life, to live again, to be resurrected,  
resurrection

## κοινωνίαν

participation, sharing in something, 'become aware of sharing his sufferings'  
an association involving close mutual relations and involvement, close association, fellowship

## παθημάτων

that which is suffered or endured, suffering, misfortune, Christ's sufferings  
to suffer pain, pain, suffering, to suffer, to be in pain

## συμμορφιζόμενος PPPtcpMSN fr. συμμορφίζω

to cause to be similar in form or style to something else, grant or invest with the same form as,  
'be conformed to, take on the same form as...=the style of Christ's death, i.e. to be like Christ in  
his death'  
to come to be similar in form to something else, to share in having the likeness of, to take on the  
same form as, to become like, 'to come to be similar in form to him in his death', 'to come to be  
like him in his death' or 'to dies in a manner similar to his death'

## θανάτῳ

the termination of physical life, death, of death as a penalty, of the death of Christ  
the process of dying, to die, death

## v. 11

### πῶς

marker of undesigned means or manner, somehow, in some way, perhaps  
interrogative reference to means, how? by what means?

## καταντήσω AAS1sg fr. κατανταω

to reach a condition or goal, arrive at, attain, meet, arrive at something, so that one comes to  
possess it, attain to something  
to attain or arrive at a particular state, to come to be, to attain, to achieve

## ἐξανάστασιν

the state or condition of coming up from among the dead, resurrection, resurrection from the  
dead, 'the compound in contrast to the simplex ἀναστασις that precedes connotes a coming to  
fullness of life'  
to come back to life after having once died, to come back to life, to live again, to be resurrected,  
resurrection

νεκρῶν

one who is no longer physically alive, dead person, a dead body, a corpse, cf. Rom 11:15  
pertaining to being dead, lifeless, dead