

To the Philippians

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So . . . ?

**How did
it go
this
week?**

A close-up photograph of two hands holding a brown paper bag. The hands are positioned at the top corners of the bag, with fingers spread, suggesting the bag is being held or presented. The background is blurred, focusing attention on the hands and the bag.

Points for Home . . .

1-Unity, Harmony, Peace . . . not Options!

Do something that is beneath you,
for someone who is beneath you,
and you will be putting yourself
beneath them.

2-My Humility is My Responsibility
3-Test (Push) the Limits, on your Humility

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v. 10 “that I may know him...”

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Salvation?



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¹ Finally,
my brothers,
rejoice in the
Lord. To write
the same things
to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.



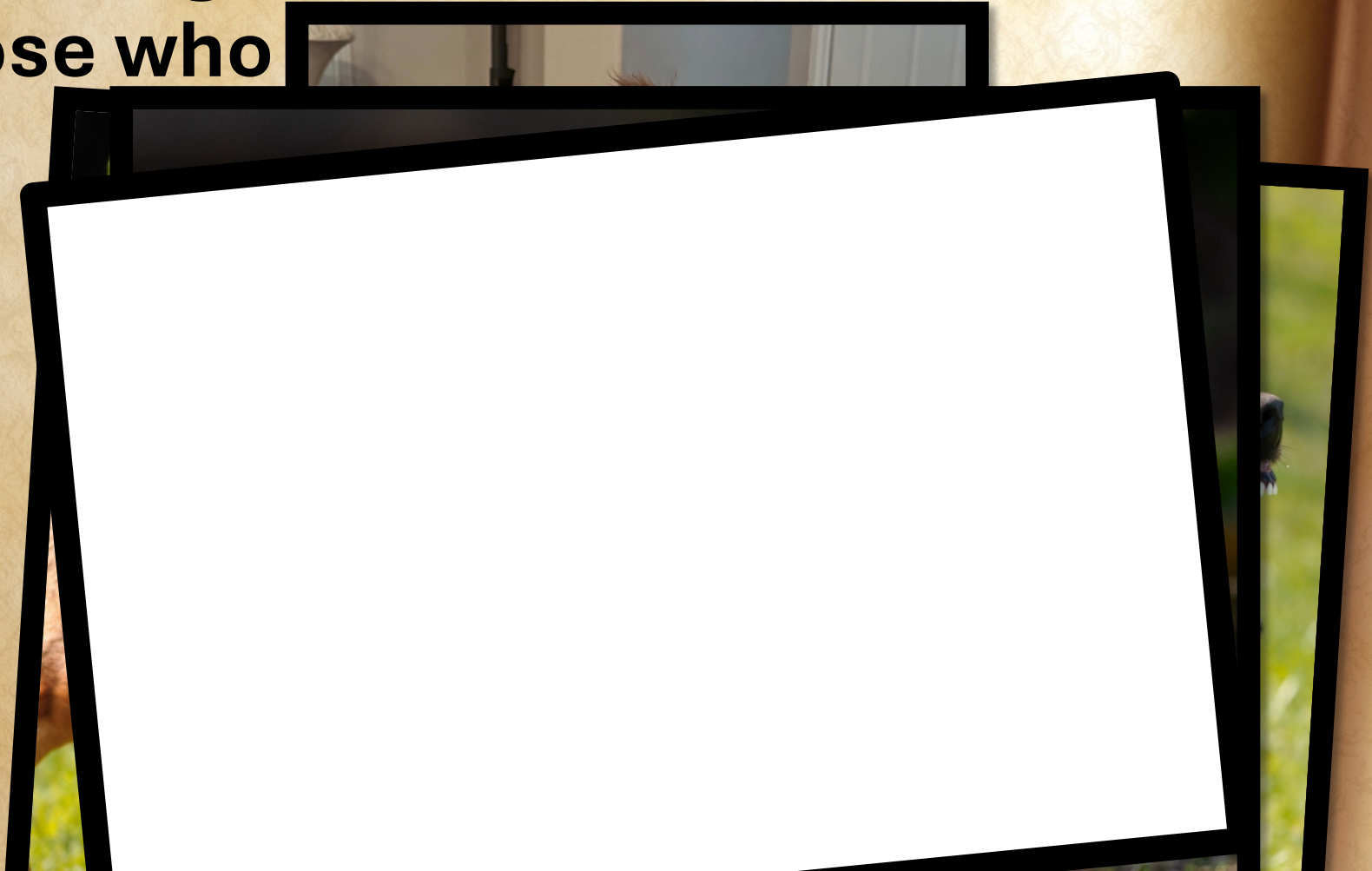
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² Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers,
look out for those who

τους ΚΥΝΑΣ

κακούς ἔργατας

την κατατομην



“Judaizers”

The Law of Moses

Jesus + Circumcision of the Flesh

Works of the Law

Unmerited Favor

Grace

=

**God's
Riches
At
Christ's
Expense**

Grace + Religion
Grace + Ritual
Grace + Routine

Works

The diagram features the word 'Grace' on the left, followed by a large black plus sign. To the right of the plus sign are three words stacked vertically: 'Religion', 'Ritual', and 'Routine'. A large black curly brace groups these three words together, pointing towards the word 'Works' on the far right.

Grace plus works is NOT Grace . . . it's Works!

Our Good Work(s) ? ? ?

Yes, of course...


but NOT as a pre-condition of our Salvation!

Our Salvation is dependent on HIS Good Work

Where does our good work enter?

Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸ For **by grace** you **have been saved through faith**. And this is **not your own doing**; it is the **gift of God**, ⁹ **not a result of works**, so that no one may **boast**.



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Let's do the math . . .

$$\text{Grace} + \text{?} \neq \text{Grace}$$

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Is Jesus Enough? Did He DO Enough?



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**³ For we are the
circumcision,
who worship by
the Spirit of God
and glory in
Christ Jesus
and put
no confidence
in the flesh—**

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**⁴ though I myself
have reason for
confidence in
the flesh also.
If anyone else
thinks he has
reason for
confidence in
the flesh, I have more:**



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- ✓ ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day,
- ✓ of the people of Israel,
- ✓ of the tribe of Benjamin,
- ✓ a Hebrew of Hebrews;
- ✓ as to the law, a Pharisee;
- ✓ ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

**VERY impressive
resume, Paul!**

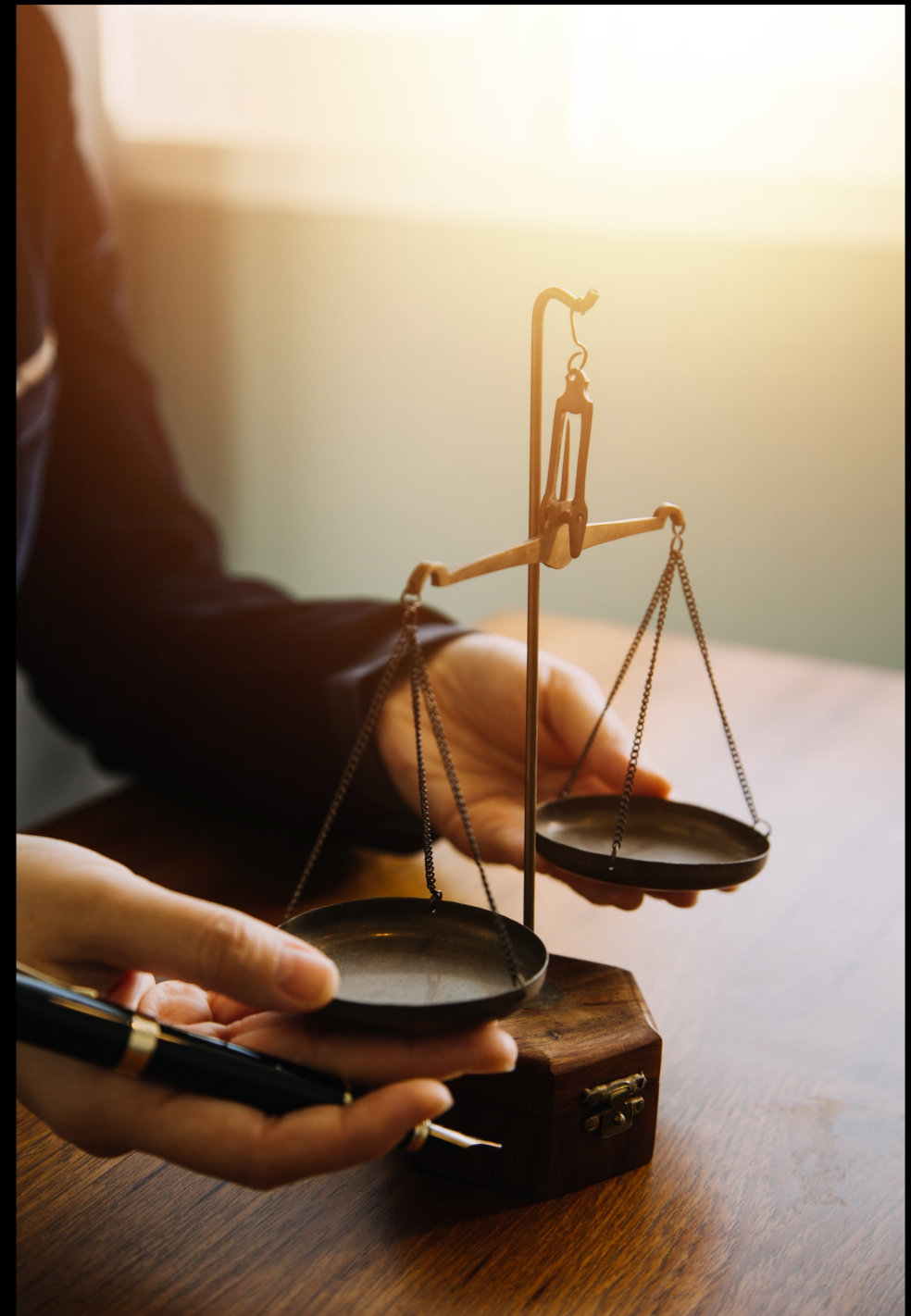


And yet . . .



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⁷ But whatever gain I had,
I counted as loss for the
sake of Christ.⁸ Indeed,
I count everything
as loss because of
the surpassing worth of
knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.



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For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

Σκυβαλα . . . Dung (KJV)

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**Our Need
Our Lack
Our Sin
Judgement
Separation
Our Death
Our Shame**



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¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

γινῶναι . . . γιγνώσκω

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**¹² Not that I have
already obtained this
or am already perfect,
but I press on to make
it my own, because
Christ Jesus has
made me his own.**



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**¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.**



Saved! Am I Putting in the Effort & Energy?



Saved! Am I Making Progress?

Growing in...
Knowledge of
Experience with
Relationship to
Jesus?



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15 Let those
and if in
reveal the
what we



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¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.



**¹Be imitators of me,
as I am of Christ.**

1 Corinthians 11

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**1⁸ For many, of whom I
have often told you
and now tell you even
with tears, walk as
enemies of the cross
of Christ.**



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**¹⁹ Their end is
destruction, their
god is their belly,
and they glory in their
shame, with minds
set on earthly things.**



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²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

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²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the Power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.



How would you like to meet Jesus in Heaven?



**Older?
Better?
Closer?**

**More
Like Jesus!**

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Points for Home . . .

- 1. Where are you now, with the Lord?**
- 2. What area of life could use some effort?**
- 3. Identify ONE action step to take today.**

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