

Seeing Christ Clearly

Philippians 3:1-11 | Sermon Guide

Big Idea: Seeing Christ clearly leads us to rejoice in Him, reject false confidence, examine our hearts, and boast in Jesus alone.

1. LOOK AGAIN. *(Philippians 3:1)*

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

Main Truth: Rejoice in the Lord and do not despise repeated truth.

Action Steps:

- Begin each day reflecting on God's goodness in your life.
- Name three reasons you can rejoice in Christ today.
- Return to one gospel truth your heart is prone to forget.

Reflection: What truth about the Lord do I need to look at again this week?

2. LOOK OUT. *(Philippians 3:2-3)*

²Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God^[b] and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—

Main Truth: Beware of false teaching and any message that encourages confidence in the flesh.

Action Steps:

- Ask God for discernment to detect false teachers and false teachings.
- Test every message by Scripture, not popularity or personality.
- Pay attention to teaching that subtly suggests Jesus is not enough.

Reflection: What voices or influences do I need to test more carefully by Scripture?

3. LOOK WITHIN. *(Philippians 3:4-6)*

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: 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,^[c] blameless.

Main Truth: Examine what you are tempted to trust in besides Christ.

Action Steps:

- Stop boasting in yourself.
- Identify your personal “spiritual resume.”
- Confess pride, comparison, and self-righteousness quickly.

Reflection: What am I most tempted to trust in or boast about besides Christ?

4. LOOK TO JESUS. *(Philippians 3:7-11)*

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. 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— 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.

Main Truth: Count all things loss compared to the surpassing worth of knowing Christ.

Action Steps:

- Make Jesus your boast.
- Preach the gospel to yourself: righteousness comes through faith in Christ.
- Ask, “What must I release because I am holding it tighter than Jesus?”

Reflection: What do I need to let go of in order to treasure Christ more fully?

My Response This Week: Because Christ is of surpassing worth, I will
