

Questions on Philippians chapter 3

1. What was Paul's "final" exhortation? What was it that was not grievous or troublesome for him but was a safeguard or safe for the Philippians? Verse 1.

2. Who were the dogs? Was "dogs" a complimentary term? Verse 2.

3. What is the relation of the term "concision" to circumcision? Who were the evil workers and why beware of them? Verse 2.

4. Who makes up the true circumcision? According to Paul, what are three characteristics of those who make up the true circumcision? Verse 3.

5. How well would Paul have measured up with others in fleshly distinctions and honors of men? Verse 4.

6. Why mention his circumcision, his stock, and his tribe? What is meant by "a Hebrew of Hebrews"? What was the attitude of Pharisees toward the Law? Verse 5.

7. How did Paul prove his zeal for the law? What was his claim to moral perfection from a Pharisaic standpoint? Verse 6.

8. How did Paul regard those things that were gain to him under the Law? Verse 7.

9. How did Paul regard all things when they were compared to Christ? What do the tenses of the verbs “counted” and “count” indicate about the time? Verse 8

10. What three things did Paul seek to gain by counting all things as loss? Verses 8-9.

11. What is a synonym for righteousness? Is righteousness of the law really attainable? How is the righteousness that Paul sought obtained? Verse 9.

12. What three things did Paul want to know as a result of being in Christ? Was it Paul's hope that he could die for Christ? Verse 10.

13. By the phrase “the resurrection of the dead” did Paul mean more than simply the resurrection of the fleshly body? Verse 11. (See Acts 24:15)

14. Had Paul attained his life’s objectives? Who had apprehended or laid hold on Paul? What did Paul seek to apprehend? Verse 12.

15. Did Paul think he had apprehended? What two things did Paul do to enable him to grasp the goal of his life? Verse 13.

16. What was the one thing that Paul strove to do to reach the supreme goal of his life? What is the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus? Verse 14.

17. Is the term “perfect” used in a relative sense or an absolute sense? What should those who want to be “perfect” do? Verse 15.

18. The Revised Version states “by that same rule let us walk.” What two things does Paul desire the Philippians to do? Verse 16.

19. What does the word “together” indicate in following Paul? What is an ensample and who were to be his reader’s ensamples? Verse 17.

20. Were all who professed to be Christians worthy of being imitated? The cross is evidently a figure, a part put for the whole. To what does the figure refer? Verse 18.

21. What was the destruction or end of the enemies? What were their three characteristics and what do they mean? Verse 19.

22. James Moffatt translated this: “We are a colony of heaven.” How would this be a translation of citizenship? Verse 20.

23. What is “our vile body.”? Verse 21.

24. Who is coming from heaven to change “our vile body” and what will it be like? Verse 21.