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# Philippians

EUANGELLION “Good News”  
Phil. 1:5,7,12,16,27; 2:22; 4:3,15  
euaggelion

## Greeting 1:1-11

## Paul’s Viewpoint toward His Circumstances 1:12-26

## Paul’s Viewpoint toward Philippian Circumstances 1:27-3:21

An Appeal to Gospel Mentality in face of Opposition 1:27-30

An Appeal to Gospel Mentality in Unity 2:1-4

The Example of Christ 2:5-11

The Outworking of Christ-Like Mentality 2:12-18

Believer Examples of This Mentality 2:19-30

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## Paul’s Viewpoint toward Philippian Circumstances 3&4

Exhortation toward MA 3:1-4a

Paul’s Past MA 3:4b-6

Paul’s Present MA 3:7-11

Paul’s Present-Future MA 3:12-14

Exhortation for others toward same MA 3:15ff

Phil. 3:1a *Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord.*

To\ oi pon, adel foi-mou, caiete en kuriw.

*Finally* TO LOIPOS - the rest, remaining  
the rest of the letter ? topic ?

*my brethren* EGW ADELPHOS - believers

*rejoice* → CHAIRW - to have a m.a. of inner satisfaction  
*command, directive*

\*Phil. 1:18; 2:17-18,28; 3:1; 4:4,10

Continue having a mental attitude of deep inner satisfaction

*in the Lord* EN KURIOS - in Lord (character, nature, quality)  
centered on the Lord (person, works, words)

# To write the same things again is no trouble to me

ta>ajta>grafein utin emoi«men ouk oknhron,

*the same things*

TO AUTOS - pl. things (teaching, doctrines, etc.)

① things ahead in 3,4

To write →

GRAPHW - to write

② things about rejoicing

*to you(s)*

HUMIN - 'to' you(s)

③ ??? way of thinking of JC, Timothy, Epaphroditus

*to me*

EME - 'by' me

*again*

MEN - indeed, on the other hand  
- particle indicating; contrast, emphasis or continuation

*(is)*

added to the translation

*not*

OUK - causal connective

*trouble*

OKNJROS - hard, arduous, burden, irksome

Phil. 3:1c ... *and it is a safeguard for you.*

within δεκαθλίον.

*and* DE - mild pausal connective

*for you* HMIN - to/for you(s)

*(it is)* added to the translation

*These words are formed from the alpha-privative and sphallo, which means “stumble, fall,” and by extension “fail, be foiled.*

*a safeguard/quality/character/nature*

*Matt. 27:64-66; Mark 14:44; Acts 5:23; 27:9; 1Th. 5:3; Heb. 6:19*

failsafe, secure,

*A + SPHALEIA —the condition of not slipping, a firm step<sup>3</sup>—means first of all stability,<sup>4</sup> and then especially security and safety,<sup>5</sup> certainty or assurance: “by far the most surely true answer”*

not liable to fall, immoveable, steadfast, firm,

Phil. 3:2a *Beware of the dogs,*

Βλέπετε τοὺς κύναι,

*Beware* →

BLEPW - to see, look at, ~~watch out, take care~~

Consider, Take note ...

*command, directive*

*the dogs,*

HO KUNAS - the dogs

literal dogs, *pit bulls, etc.*

or normal language usage

*Matt. 7:6; Luke 16:21; Phil. 3:2; 2Pet. 2:22; Rev. 22:15*

Three aliterations

Three repetitions

vs. one entity (vs 3.3)

Phil. 3:2b *beware of the evil workers,*

bl eþete touß kakouß ergataß,

*Beware* →

BLEPW - to see, look at, ~~watch out, take care~~

Consider, Take note ...

*command, directive*

*the evil workers,*

HO KAKOS ERGATJS

bad

*\*Col. 1:21, Prov. 10:29*

worker, effecter, producer

‘workers of iniquity’

Phil. 3:2c *beware of the false circumcision;*

bl eþete thñ katatomhñ.

Beware

BLEPW - to see, look at, ~~watch out, take care~~

Consider, Take note ...

*command, directive*

*the mutilators,*

HO KATATOMJ - the fully/completely cut ones

τομή (37 total words)

Number of different forms - 2:

περιτομή *circumcision* - 36

κατατομή *mutilation* - 1



Phil. 3:3a *for we are the true circumcision,*

h̄theiß gaꝛ ēsmen h̄Jperitomh/

*for* GAR - to explain further

*we are* →

EIMI - to exist

Believers

*the true circumcision*

THE (specific, identified, particular) circumcision group

context decides the particular aspect \*my brethren

the false vs true circumscion

Phil. 3:3b *who worship in the Spirit of God*

oi° pneu<sup>ma</sup>ti qeouv<sup>l</sup> atreu<sup>o</sup>nte<sup>ß</sup>

*'the ones' spiritually serving*

LATREUW

*to serve: —offer service(1), serve(15), served(1),  
serving(1), worship(1), worshiper(1), worshipers(1).  
NAS 1981*

*in the Spirit of God*

PNEUMA THEOS

in or by

instrument, agent, location, sphere

Phil. 3:3b ... *and glory in Christ Jesus*

kai«kaucwmenoi en Cristw^ Ihsouv

*and*

EPEIDJ - causal connective

*(the ones) boasting* →

KAUCHAW - to boast, take pride in

*in Christ Jesus*

Phil. 3:3c ... *and put no confidence in the flesh,*

kai«ouk en sarki«pepoiqtēß,

*and*      KAI - causal connective

*no*      OUK - not

*in the flesh*      EN SARKOS - in flesh (character/quality/nature)

*(the ones) having put confidence*



PEITHW - *part.* to be confident, persuaded

Phil. 3:4a *although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh.*

kai per egw»en pepoi»hsin kai»en sarki»

*although* KAI + PER - causal connective

*I myself* EGW - causal connective

(...)

*having* → ECHW - part

*confidence* PEITHW - n.

*even* KAI - adverbial use

*in the flesh.* EN SARKOS - causal connective

Phil. 3:4b *If anyone else has a mind to put confidence  
in the flesh,*

Εἰ τις δοκεῖ ἄλλοσ πεποιθεῖσ ἐν σαρκί·

*If* EI - causal connective

*anyone else* TIS - indefinite pronoun

*is thinking* → DOKEW - to think

*another (way)* ALLOS - indefinite pronoun

*to put confidence* PEITHW - causal connective

*in the flesh* EN SARKOS - causal connective

**FACT:**

**Some are  
thinking this  
way**

Phil. 3:4c ... *I far more:*

egw»mall on:

*I* EGW - personal pronoun

*far more* MALLON - adv

**CONCLUSION:**

**PAUL  
MOST  
CONFIDENCE  
IN FLESH**

# Confidence in the Flesh

Pattern  
3:2

Contrast  
3:3

Extension  
3:5-6

<b>the dogs</b>	<b>the ones spiritually serving by Spirit of God</b>	<b>according to law</b>
<b>the bad producers</b>	<b>the ones boasting in Christ</b>	<b>according to zeal (m.a.)</b>
<b>the mutilators ones</b>	<b>the ones not having confidence in flesh</b>	<b>according to righteousness</b>



The End