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# Philippians

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

Timothy 19-24

Epaphroditus 25-30

## **Paul’s Exhortation to Philippian Believers 3&4**

Exhortation toward MA 3:1-4a

Paul’s Past MA 3:4b-6

Paul’s Present MA 3:7-11

Phil. 3:7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Phil. 3:8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.



### *Importance of the presence or the absence of a Greek article*

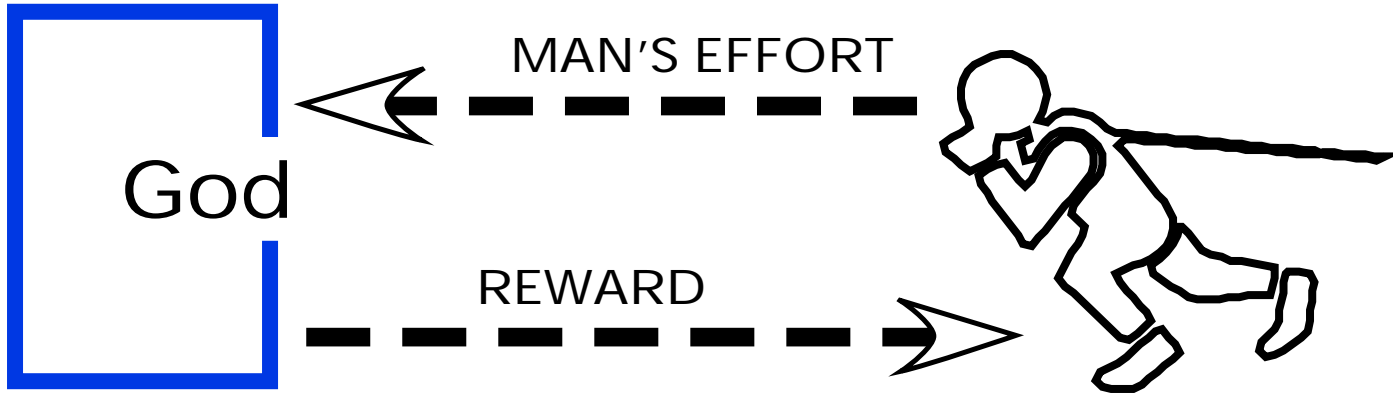
law    law - merit  
       the law - Mosaic Law

the Law NEVER  
 occurs in Philippian  
 letter

sin    sin quality, character  
       the sin - The Sin Nature

faith    faith - mental ability to rest, trust an object  
           the Faith - the object of your faith, the Word

# The Merit Principle



1 - circumcised the eighth day

2 - of the nation of Israel

3 - of the tribe of Benjamin

4 - a Hebrew of the Hebrews

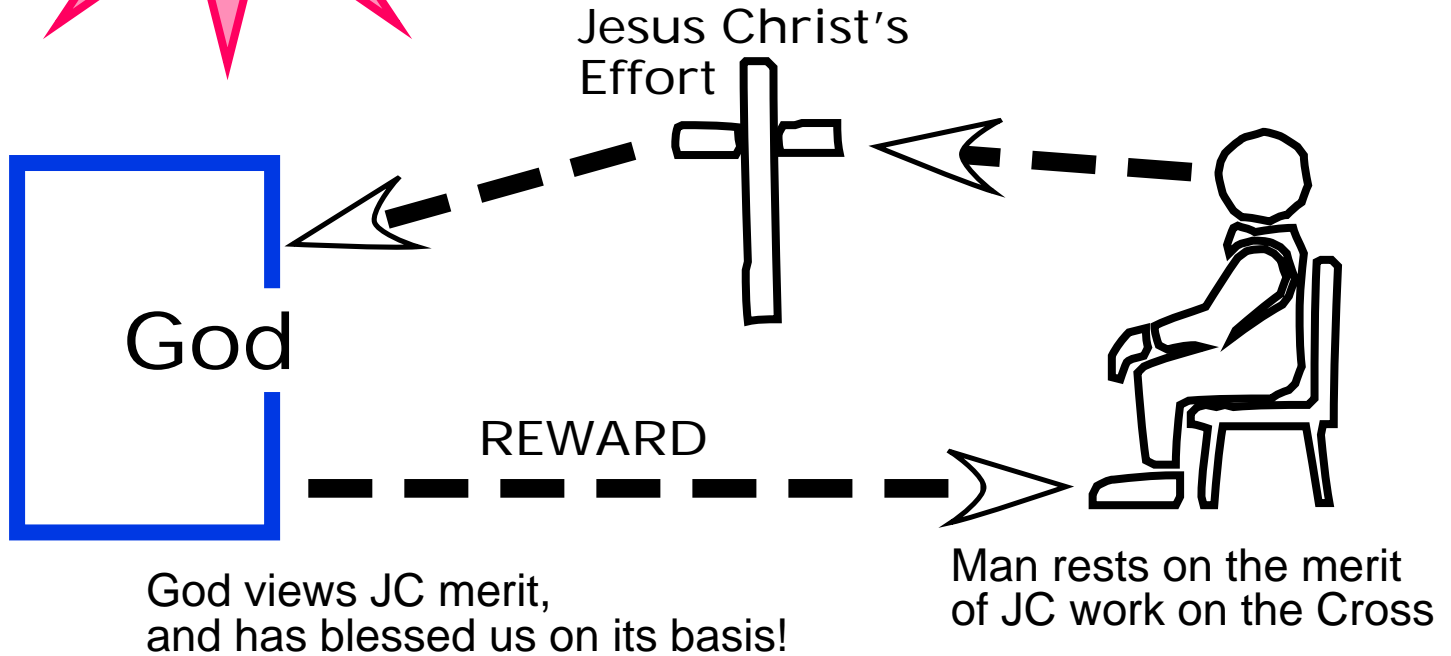
5 - as to law, Pharisee

6 - as to zeal, persecutor of heresy

7 - as to merit, found blameless




# The Grace Principle



Phil. 3:8a *More than that, I count all things to be loss*  
aÓl a»menouŋge kai«hgoumai paŋta zhmian

*More than that,* ALLA MEN OUN GJ KAI Very emphatic contrast !!  
Rom. 10:18

*I count*  HEGOUMAI  
continues the completed situation  
LOGIZOMAI - to reckon, to count as true, credit  
HEGEOMAI - to lead, to steer as true, count,  
govern, guide Phil. 2:3,6,25; 3:7-8  
Matt. 2:6; Luke 2:2; Acts 15:22; 26:2; 2Cor. 9:5; Phil. 2:3,6,25; 3:7; 1Th. 5:13; 2Th. 3:15; 1Tim. 1:12; Heb. 11:11,26; James 1:2; 2Pet. 1:13; 2:13

*all things* PAS all, everything

*to be loss* ZJMIA systemic loss/nature/character/quality

A Faith-Rest Walk is a governed mental attitude to de-value human merit toward God

Phil. 3:8b *in view of the surpassing value  
of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord,*

einai dia»to\uperechon th\B gnw\B Cristou\Ihsouvtou\kuriou mou,

*in view of* EINAI to exist, to the goal of existing

*the surpassing value* DIA because of the super-passing value  
TO HYPERECHON *to infinity & beyond !!*

*of knowing* HJ GNWSEWS to know, to fully know, to realize  
(not simply intellectual, nor stack of facts)  
why the article. to particularize, make special, specific

*of Christ Jesus my Lord,* CHRISTOS IJSOUS HO KURIOS EGW

The focus of the Christian experience  
is realizing more and more  
about the Person of our salvation,  
His Person, His Words, His Works

Phil. 3:8c *for whom I have suffered the loss of all things,*

di on ta panta ezhmiwqhn,

*for whom*

DIA HOS

because of whom

(for the sake of , with regard to)

*all things,*

TA PAS

everything (Paul's human merit toward God)

*I have suffered ... the loss*

ZJMIOW

aor passive voice



I have declared moral bankruptcy, total loss

Deut. 22:19, Matt. 16:26; Mark 8:36;  
Luke 9:25; 1Cor. 3:15; 2Cor. 7:9; Phil. 3:8

where is the suffering ??

*“By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.” (Heb. 11:24-26, NAS95S)*

Self-directed mental attitude  
toward our human merit



Phil. 3:8d *and count them but rubbish*  
*so that I may gain Christ,*

kai hgoumai skubal a, ina Criston kerdhsw

*and* KAI

*count them* →

HJGOUMAI

I am leading, guiding, governing  
purposeful attitude, not accounting

*but rubbish*

SKUBALA, human excrement, dung, filth, refuse/quality

*so that*

HINA

in order that

*Christ,*

CHRISTOS

Christ

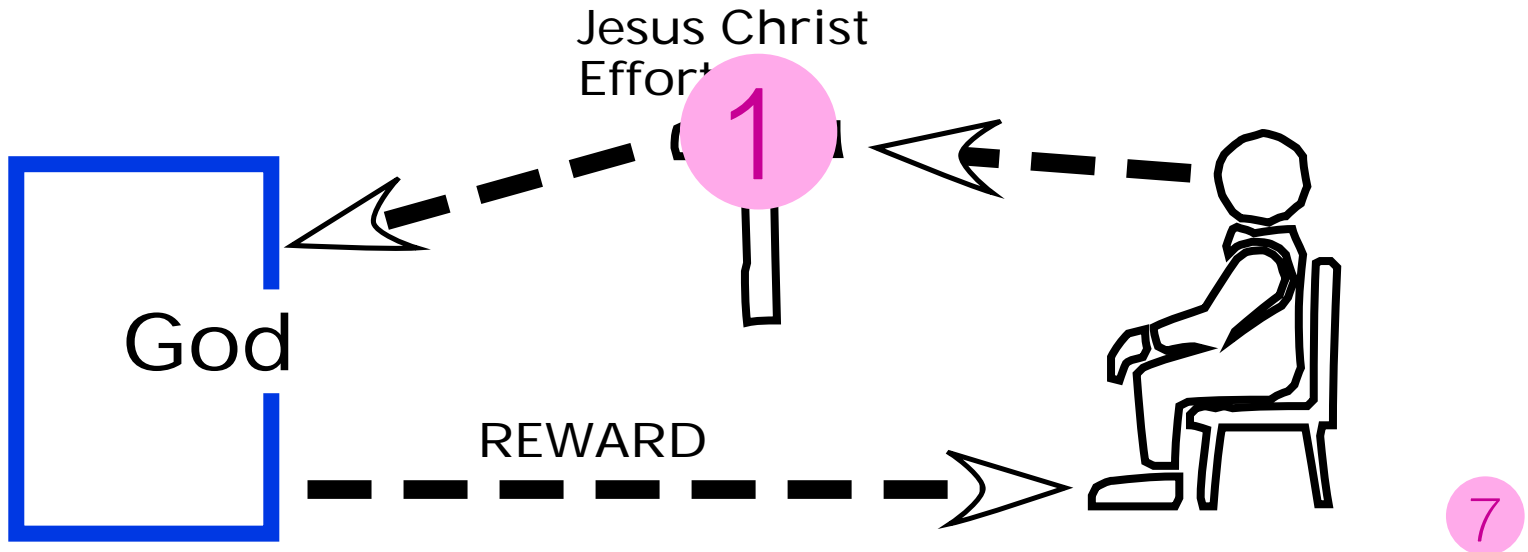
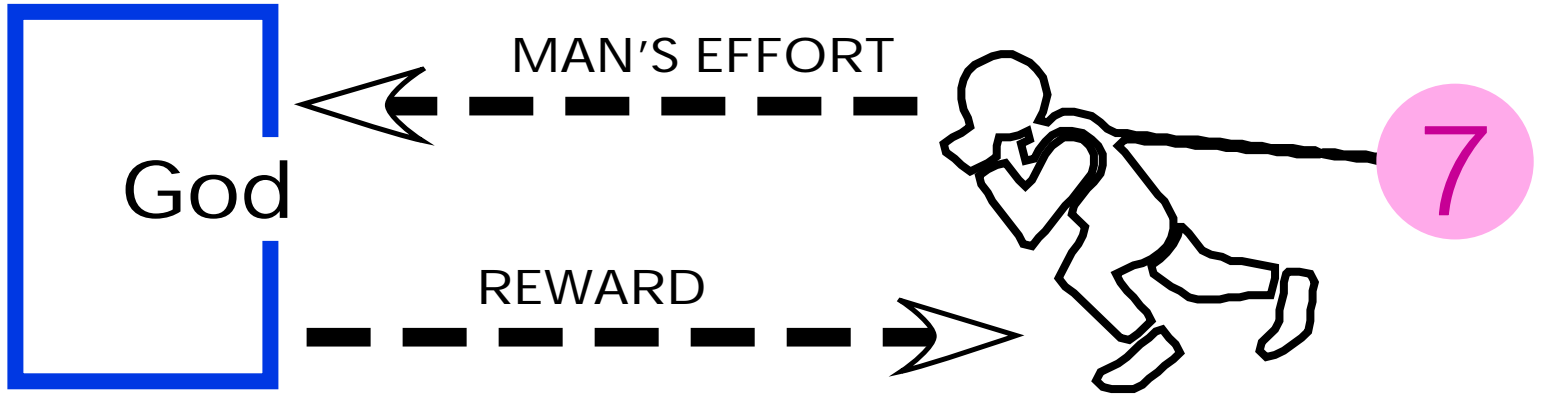
*I may gain*

KERDJSIS

gain, advantage, gain more


“For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ,  
and Him crucified.” (1Cor. 2:2, NAS95S)

To Gain is Concious Mental Attitude  
to Reject the Rest



Phil. 3:9a *and may be found in Him,*  
kai eureqw en autw,

*and* KAI

*I be found* EURISKW VERB 1 sing aor pass subj to find  


*in Him,* EN AUTOS

In Him positional ? Permanent & Unchangeable Rom 8

In Him - learning, knowing, experientially, mentally, emotionally ??

Phil 3:8,10

Phil. 3:9b *not having a righteousness of my own  
derived from the Law,*

mh ecwn emhn dikaiosunhn thn ek nomou

## Explains being found in Him

*not having* →

MJ ECHW

circumstances, how, of being found in Him  
ongoing, habitual lifestyle

*a righteousness*

DIKAIOSUNJ

righteousness/quality, character, nature

*of my own*

EGW

mine

HOS

the kind \_\_\_\_\_

*derived from*

EK

out of as a source

*the Law*

NOMOS

law/quality

law principle, ie merit

Part A:

NOT HAVING ANY PERSONAL MERIT WITH GOD

Phil. 3:9c *but that which is through faith in Christ,*  
al l a thn dia pistewß Cristou,

*but*

ALLA

Strong contrast 3:9b

*that which*

HJ

the one (particular & specific)

... righteousness 3:9d

*(is)*

*through faith*

DIA PISTIS

thru, by means of

w/o article

faith/quality/character/nature

*in Christ,*

CHRISTOS,

Part B:  
ONLY HAVING THE RIGHT KIND  
OF MERIT THRU FAITH MECHANISM

Phil. 3:9d *the righteousness which comes from God  
on the basis of faith,*

thn ek qeou dikaiosunhn epi th pistei,

*the righteousness*

HJ ... DIKAIOSYNJ

the righteousness

R R+

*which comes from God*

EK THEOS

out of as a source

*on the basis of*

EPI

upon

*faith*

HJ PISTIS,

faith/quality/character/nature

*“They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”” (Acts 16:31, NAS95S)*

*“nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.” (Gal. 2:16, NAS95S)*

*“And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.” (Heb. 11:6, NAS95S)*

Rev 22:3,5

ONLY MERIT OF VALUE IN RELATIONSHIP  
WITH GOD IS MERIT EQUAL TO HIS

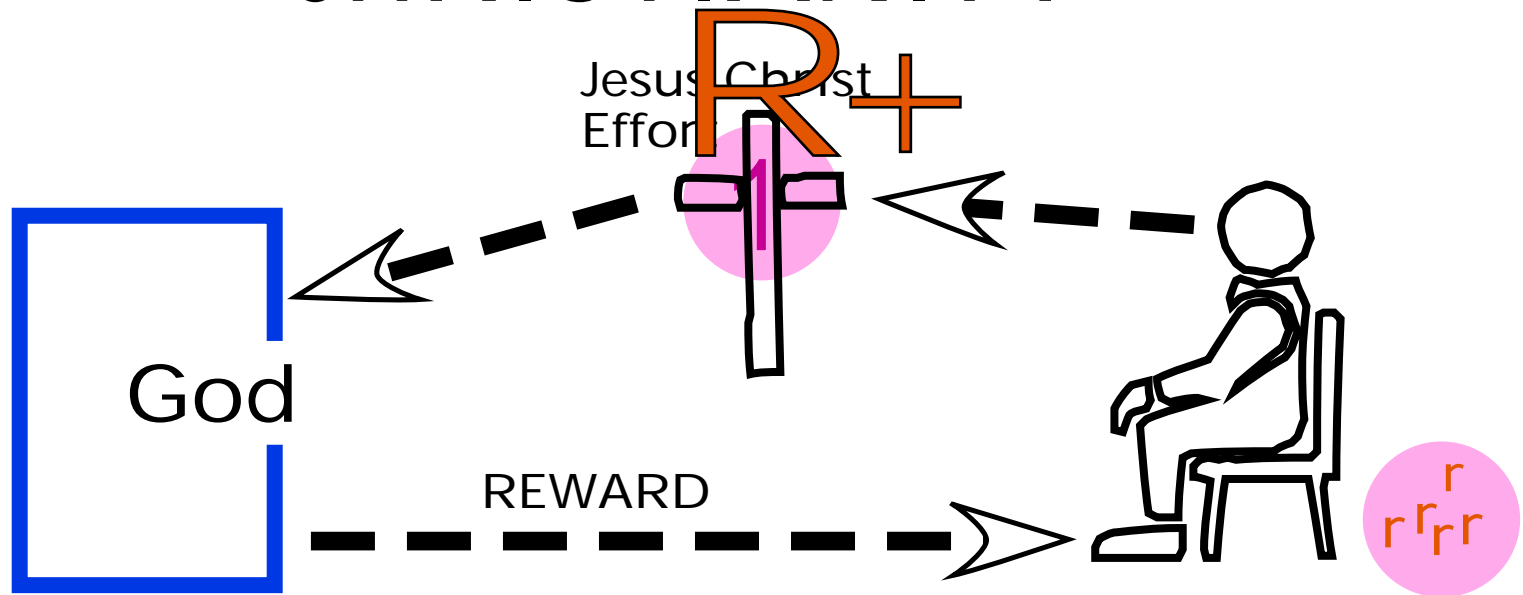


Justification

Sanctification

Glorification

# CHRISTIANITY



The End