

**SLOW
DOWN**

**SHARP
CURVE
AHEAD**





Watch Out!

Philippians 3:1-9

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Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh. For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh-- though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.

But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ-- the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. Welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor men like him, because he almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for the help you could not give me.

Watch Out: For False Teachers

- **Judaizers:**

- ~*Faith in Jesus PLUS Keeping the OT Law*

- **Today:**

- ~Faith Plus Special Experience

- ~Faith Plus Works (living how WE say)

- ~Faith Plus Our Special Knowledge

- ~Faith Plus EVERYTHING Else (its ALL Good)

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Look Out: For Your Own Spiritual Pride

- **Paul:**

- ~Circumcision on 8th day
- ~Tribe of Benjamin
- ~Pharisee

- ~People of Israel
- ~Hebrew of Hebrews
- ~Zeal

- **Today:**

- ~Church member
- ~I give
- ~I pray

- ~I serve
- ~I Teach
- ~I go on mission trips!

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Give Up: Everything Other Than Jesus

- Profit
- Loss
- Consider

- My Purpose and Goal: That I may gain Christ

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Suppose you were to stand before God today
and He were to ask you:

“Why should I let you into my heaven?”

What would you say?

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