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COMMENTARIES AND OTHER RESOURCES ARCHIVE.ORG

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COMMENTARIES ON PHILIPPIANS

[Be joyful](#) (Philippians) by Wiersbe, Warren - always worth checking

[Philippians in the Greek New Testament : for the English reader](#) by Wuest, Kenneth - one of my favorite sources - his writings are a veritable "gold mine"!

James Rosscup - This is one of Wuest's better expositions of a book. He is often sound though simple in the Greek, explaining the text verse by verse and giving helpful word studies. Though he uses the Greek, he does not reproduce it in his book and so his commentary is very helpful even to the Christian who does not know Greek. Again, this is a good book to recommend to laymen as well as useful often for preaching and teaching.

Here is the same book with no restrictions - [Philippians Commentary - Verse by Verse Comments](#)

[The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible : New Testament, King James Version](#) - Acts, Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians - This is a very useful resource which always includes numerous related cross-references. It will be of aid to you preaching and teaching.

[Philippians : an expositional commentary](#) by Boice, James Montgomery

James Rosscup - A lucid and very readable simple exposition that is helpful and competent on many of the

issues. The work is geared more to simple study. The exposition is practical and sermonic, with sometimes good background and comparison with relevant passages from other Scripture. He illustrates heavily from literature, history, and contemporary life.

[The joy of living a study of philippians](#) by J.DWight Pentecost

Cyril Barber - This series of expository messages not only does justice to the apostle's stated purpose but also edifies and enriches the reader as he is led by this master of the pulpit to understand the theme of this epistle. Recommended. First published in 1973. This commentary is ideal for personal use. Review questions can be used for group discussion. Ably treats the believer's resources including the antidote to worry and the secret of contentment.

[Philippians : happiness beyond our happenings](#) by Briscoe, D. Stuart

Cyril Barber - First published in 1975 and reprinted in 1984. Comprises a lay person's commentary on Philippians that is plain and practical, and explains how believers may endure suffering while at the same time meeting their problems with faith and courage. The result is the ability to live consistently for the Lord. Recommended.

[Bound for joy : Philippians-Paul's letter from prison](#) by Briscoe, D. Stuart

[Philippians / Colossians](#) by McGee, J. Vernon

[Count it all joy : discover a happiness that circumstances cannot change](#) by Jeremiah, David

[Turning toward joy](#) by Jeremiah, David

Cyril Barber - Covers Paul's letter to the Philippians in 12 chapters. Questions for group discussion are to be found in the study portion of this book. An ideal exposition of true joy for lay people.

[Laugh again : experience outrageous joy : a study of Philippians : Bible study guide](#) by Swindoll, Charles R; Hough, Lee Minis

Cyril Barber - Topical messages on Paul's letter to the Philippians. Lightweight.

[Pressing on when you'd rather turn back : studies in philippians](#) by Getz, Gene

[A profile of Christian maturity : a study of Philippians](#) by Getz, Gene

Cyril Barber - First published a decade ago under the title A Profile of Christian Maturity. Covers Paul's Philippian letter simply and directly. Getz shows the importance of facing life realistically.

James Rosscup - A provocative catalyst for personal study, application and growth, or group or family use, this is a well-organized little book. Each chapter has several parts: Something to Think About, A Look at Paul's Letters, What Did Paul Say?, What Did Paul Mean?, Application, Life Response, and A Project. Each of the fourteen chapters takes a few verses, dealing briefly and simply with them.

[Paul's Letter to the Philippians](#) - New International Commentary on the NT by Fee, Gordon D

Cyril Barber - This is a most valuable contribution to the literature on this prison epistle. Fee is a premier NT scholar. His handling of the Greek text is superb. Pastors will find this study of Philippians to be of inestimable help in the preparation of their expository messages

Cyril Barber on IVP NT Commentary - An accurate explanation of the theme of this letter. Here is profound scholarship in the service of the believer.

James Rosscup - This effort (New International Commentary on the NT) of 543 pp. with 497 on commentary replaces in the series J. J. Muller's 1955 work which also has Philemon. Fee's study is careful phrase by phrase, usually helpful, yet not as much an assist as O'Brien or Hawthorne, for example. Cf. Fee's shorter 204-pp. Philippians in the IVP NTC series, 1999. This longer attempt has a 26-pp. bibliography, and Fee reflects keen awareness of views, as in his careful assessment of efforts to divide the letter into three epistles, and Fee's reasons for unity (21-23). Another help is in giving five theological emphases (46-53). Hermeneutical factors receive attention, matters such as words, grammar, context, setting, customs.

[Basics for Believers](#) by Carson, D. A

James Rosscup - One finds an articulate, brief pb that gets to the point well on most verses but has to bypass a lot too. It shows Carson's usual good grasp, and is particularly usable for those wanting a reliable but lighter

survey—pastors, Bible class teachers, college students, and lay users.

[Philippians : where life advances](#) by Laurin, Roy L.

Cyril Barber - Grounds his exposition in the historic context of the times. Reveals remarkable originality in applying the message Paul sent to the believers in Phillipi. Of practical value to lay people

[The message of Philippians : Jesus our joy](#) by Motyer, J. A

Tim Challies - There is always room for one commentary that is a little less technical and suitable for a wide readership. Such is the case with Motyer's volume in The Bible Speaks Today series. The work is necessarily brief, but apparently still powerful.

James Rosscup - This work, distinct from his 1966 Philippian Studies, is a lucid exposition of twenty-four sections, using the RSV text and a clear outline. Motyer (pronounced Mo-teer) gives good synopses of sections, keeps connections in the flow of thought in view, and deals with verses in an engaging style. He seems sound exegetically, theologically and applicationally. He defines many key Greek words such as those for "citizenship" (p. 93), "walk" (p. 181), etc. and offers an articulate discussion on many of the problems. Many references are footnoted, helping the readability. The work is stimulating for expositors but also for any lay person who wants to use a book with an attractive, simple flow without delving into technical points other works handle.

[Philippians : joy under pressure](#) by Stafford, Tim

[Paul and his converts : the letters to the Thessalonians, Corinthians and Philippians](#) by Bruce, F. F. (Frederick Fyvie), 1910-1990

[Philippians, Colossians, Philemon](#) - Life Application Commentary

[Half-hours with William Hendriksen : stirring devotional surveys of Romans, Philippians, Luke and Revelation, with other gems](#) by Hendriksen, William,

[Exposition of Philippians](#) by Hendriksen, William,

James Rosscup - This work is based upon the Greek text but is not technical. It is rich devotionally and has a wealth of good commentary material. It is very helpful on problem passages (example, 3:1-2; 4:1-3), giving different views and coming to a conclusion, often with good reasoning.

[Paul's joy in Christ: studies in Philippians](#) by Robertson, A. T.

[Philippians](#) by Williams, Don (primarily asks questions)

[Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians](#) by Lane, William L - Only 98 pages.

[Philippians, Colossians and Philemon](#) by MacDonald, William (1972) 160 pages (see also [Believer's Bible Commentary](#))

[The Epistle of Paul to the Philippians : an introduction and commentary](#) (Tyndale NT Commentary) by Martin, Ralph

[Philippians](#) - New Century Commentary by Martin, Ralph P

James Rosscup - Here Martin shows more use of critical sources and must be studied with discernment since he has been inclined away from some of his older, some will feel more defensible positions. Conservatives will probably prefer his Tyndale effort for its theological convictions.

[The Epistles to the Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon](#) by Rees, Paul S

James Rosscup - A good attempt at bringing out homiletic points sometimes richly suggestive for preaching.

[The adequate man : Paul in Philippians](#) by Rees, Paul S.

James Rosscup on [The adequate man](#) - A lucid devotional work, this book follows the thought of the epistle closely and deals with it in a rich sermonic way. There are many choice phrases and fitting illustrations which illumine the text, plus suggestive outlines. The author's central purpose is to show that the believer can live a wholly adequate life, like Paul, by divine resource. This is another recommended book which will be especially enjoyed by laymen in the church. It is usually sound from the standpoint of the Greek.

[Philippians, Colossians, Philemon](#) by Gould, Dana, - Shepherd's Notes

[Philippians : even when things go wrong you can have joy](#) - Warren Wiersbe

[Philippians : a Mentor commentary](#) by Harmon, Matthew S

[The Epistle of Paul to the Philippians; an exposition](#) by Erdman, Charles

[Let's study Philippians](#) by Ferguson, Sinclair B

Cyril Barber - A clear exposition on a lay person's level. Explains in brief, lucid chapters the essence of Paul's teaching. Helpful.

James Rosscup - A professor of systematic theology at Philadelphia's Westminster Theological Seminary contributed this 136-pager. It is a catalyst for personal or group Bible study, done in 27 chapters. Study guide material with tips appears on pp. 119–35 for a 13-time series.

[The letters to the Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians](#) by Barclay, William,

[Invitation to Philippians : building a great Church through humility](#) by Sunukjian, Donald R

[Philippians : Bible study commentary](#) by Vos, Howard Frederic

[Exploring God's word : Bible guide to Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians](#) by Guthrie, Donald

[Philippians](#) by Hawthorne, Gerald F - this is not the same as the WBC but that review is included to give you as sense of this work.

Tim Challies on the **Word Biblical Commentary**. Hawthorne's volume in the WBC series receives unanimous approval. Jim Rosscup points out that "some rank this as the top commentary on Philippians due to the wide reading and masterfully good survey on introductory questions and its carefulness on grammar, philology, capture of the epistle's flow and handling of difficult passages." It is targeted at pastors but is equally appropriate for lay leaders.

[Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the New Testament](#) by Wiersbe, Warren W

[Cyril Barber](#) - This is a book of exceptional merit. Pastors, missionaries, and Christian workers will profit from its use. Wiersbe introduces each book of the NT, provides an outline, and then furnishes his readers with a chapter-by-chapter discussion of the contents. The homiletic style is a "plus." Recommended.

[Studies in Philippians](#) by Moule, H. C. G. (Handley Carr Glyn), 1841-1920

Cyril Barber - Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1977. First published in 1893 in the Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges series. These notes on the text demonstrate the author's perception and sensitivity in handling the apostle Paul's thought processes and theme. Differs from Moule's other work entitled Philippiian Studies: Lessons in Faith and Love. Evangelical.

[The epistle to the Philippians](#) by Moule, H. C. G. (Handley Carr Glyn), 1841-1920

Cyril Barber - First published in 1897 as a part of the Cambridge Greek Testament, this insightful study treats the key words and phrases of this prison epistle.

[The letters of Paul to the Philippians and to the Thessalonians;](#) by Grayston, Kenneth

[A NavPress Bible study on the book of Philippians](#) by Nav Press

[A critical and exegetical commentary on the Epistles to the Philippians and to Philemon](#) by Vincent, Marvin R

[Paul's joy in Christ: studies in Philippians](#) Commentary by A T Robertson

James Rosscup - Though he discusses Philippians in his Word Pictures, Robertson here devotes an entire detailed book on the epistle. He is rich in word studies and in the explanation of the text.

[The Epistles of Paul to the Philippians and to Philemon](#) by Müller, Jac. J. (Jacobus Johannes),

James Rosscup - This is one of the more detailed commentaries that grapples with interpretations of problem verses. It ranks close to Bruce, Hendriksen, Lightfoot, Martin (Tyndale) and Robertson along this line but is not close to Hawthorne, O'Brien, Fee, or Silva.

[A commentary on the Epistle to the Philippians](#) by Bockmuehl, Markus (Black's NT Commentary)

James Rosscup - This series claims to bring the latest scholarship to a broader readership, students and expositors. The present work is by a lecturer in divinity at Cambridge University. A 46-pp. introduction covers, among its topics, what latest research reflects about religion at Philippi, pagan and Judaism, also a decision favoring the letter's unity versus theories of partition (20–25). Bockmuehl also provides reasons for Rome as the most convincing place of writing. Some of what is said in interaction with top scholars may render the introduction outside a realistic grasp or interest of non-scholars. Comments verse by verse pack in much that clarifies (e. g. faulty preachers in 1:15; 1:19; 2:5–11 with views on the hymn much of which non-scholars may think unnecessary; "perfect" in 3:12, 15; also 4:5; financial terms in 4:15–17, etc.). As a whole this is a very profitable 327-pp. work, even if not among the very best.

[The epistle to the Philippians : a devotional commentary](#) by Meyer, F. B.

James Rosscup - One of the famous English devotional writers and spiritual life speakers during the late 19th century and early 20th authored this perceptive and easy-flowing book. Lay persons as well as pastors and Bible teachers looking for a work that speaks to the heart and offers many insights into a deeper maturity in commitments of faith will find this a fresh breath. Meyer is known well for his series on Bible characters—Abraham, Moses, Elijah, etc.

[Homilies on Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians, Timothy, Titus, and Philemon](#) by John Chrysostom,

[Lectures exegetical and practical on the Epistle of Paul to the Philippians, with a revised translation of the Epistle and notes on the Greek text](#) by Johnstone, Robert, professor in United Presbyterian

STUDY BIBLES:

Note: The first 4 resources have no time restriction and allow copy and paste function:

(1) [KJV Bible Commentary](#) - Hindson, Edward E; Kroll, Woodrow Michael. Over 3000 pages of the entire OT/NT. Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective. Pre-millennial. [User reviews](#) - it generally gets 4/5 stars from users. - [372 ratings](#)

Very well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective [user reviews](#)

The King James Version Bible Commentary is a complete verse-by-verse commentary. It is comprehensive in scope, reliable in scholarship, and easy to use. Its authors are leading evangelical theologians who provide practical truths and biblical principles. Any Bible student will gain new insights through this one-volume commentary based on the timeless King James Version of the Bible.

(2) [The King James Study Bible Second Edition](#) 2240 pages (2013) (Thomas Nelson) General Editor - Edward Hindson with multiple contributing editors. . [3,194 ratings](#). Pre-millennial. See [introduction on How to Use this Study Bible](#)

(3) [NKJV Study Bible: New King James Version Study Bible](#) (formerly "The Nelson Study Bible - NKJV") by Earl D Radmacher; Ronald Barclay Allen; Wayne H House. 2345 pages. (1997, 2007). Very helpful notes. Conservative. Pre-millennial. [917 ratings](#)

(4) [The Wycliffe Bible Commentary - only the New Testament](#) (for OT see below to borrow) - 1126 pages. (1971) Everett F Harrison - Editor of New Testament. Uses the KJV. Strictly speaking not a study Bible, but short notes are similar. KJV text in left column, commentary notes in right column. The comments are generally verse by verse, short, conservative and to the point. Pre-millennial.

Quote from **Henry Alford** (1810-1871 - not a dispensationalist!) on Revelation 20 - "It will have been long ago anticipated by the readers of this Commentary, that I cannot consent to distort words from their plain sense and chronological place in the prophecy, on account of any considerations of difficulty, or any risk of abuses which the doctrine of the millennium may bring with it. Those who lived next to the Apostles, and the whole Church for 300 years, understood them in the plain literal sense: and it is a strange sight in these days to see expositors who are among the first in reverence of antiquity, complacently casting aside the most cogent instance of consensus which primitive antiquity presents. As regards the text itself, no legitimate treatment of it will extort what is known as the spiritual interpretation now in fashion."

James Rosscup on Robert Mounce's contribution on the letter to the Philippians - Another competent, concise study by an evangelical, about as helpful as Lightner's entry, usually substantial on the issues verse by verse. He has had the space to write more at length in his works on Matthew and Revelation.

[Dictionary of Biblical Imagery](#) - free for use online with no restrictions (i.e., you do not need to borrow this book). Editors Leland

Ryken, J C Wilhoit, Tremper Longman III - This is a potential treasure chest to aid your preaching and teaching as it analyzes the meaning of a host of Biblical figures of speech. **Clue** - use the "One-page view" which then allows you to copy and paste text. One downside is there is no index, so you need to search 3291 pages for entries which are alphabetical.

[Zondervan NIV Study Bible](#) - (2011) 2570 pages - Use this one if available as it has more notes than edition below. One hour limit

[NIV Study Bible](#) by Barker, Kenneth L; Burdick, Donald W (1995) 2250 pages. This is the first edition. This resource has been fully revised in 2020. One hour limit

[Believer's Bible Commentary](#) - OT and NT - MacDonald, William (1995) 2480 pages. Conservative. Literal. Often has very insightful comments. John MacArthur, says "Concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen." Warren Wiersbe adds "For the student who is serious about seeing Christ in the Word." One hour limit.

Rosscup - This work, originally issued in 1983, is conservative and premillennial, written to help teachers, preachers and people in every walk of life with different views, explanation and application. The 2-column format runs verse by verse for the most part, usually in a helpfully knowledgeable manner, and there are several special sections such as "Prayer" in Acts and "Legalism" in Galatians. The premillennial view is evident on [Acts 1:6, 3:20, Romans 11:26, Galatians 6:16](#), Revelation 20, etc.

[HCSB Study Bible : Holman Christian Standard Bible](#) - General Editor Jeremy Royal Howard (2010) 2360 pages. Conservative. Good notes. Include Holmans excellent maps. One hour limit

[Life Application Study Bible: Old Testament and New Testament](#) New Living Translation. Has some very helpful notes especially with application of texts. [4,445 ratings](#) One hour limit

[The MacArthur Study Bible](#) - John MacArthur. Brief but well done notes for conservative, literal perspective. [1,275 ratings](#)

[ESV Study Bible](#) - Excellent resource but not always literal in eschatology and the nation of Israel [6,004 ratings](#)

[The David Jeremiah Study Bible](#) - (2013) 2208 pages. [2,272 ratings Logos.com](#) - "Drawing on more than 40 years of study, Dr. David Jeremiah has compiled a legacy resource that will make an eternal impact on generations to come. 8,000 study notes. Hundreds of enriching word studies"50+ Essentials of the Christian Faith" articles."

[Wycliffe Bible Commentary](#) - Charles Pfeiffer - 1560 pages (1962). [214 ratings](#) Less detailed than the KJV Bible Commentary. Conservative. Notes are generally verse by verse but brief.

Rosscup - Conservative and premillennial scholars here have been experts in their fields. The work contains brief introductions and attempts to give a verse-by-verse exposition, though it does skip over some verses. The treatments vary with the authors, but as a whole it is a fine one-volume commentary for pastors and students to use or give to a layman. Outstanding sections include, for example: Whitcomb on Ezra-Nehemiah-Esther; Culver on Daniel; Ladd on Acts; Harrison on Galatians; Johnson on I Corinthians; and Ryrie on the Johannine Epistles.

[The Defender's Study Bible : King James Version](#) by Morris, Henry M. Excellent notes by well known creationist. [45 ratings](#)

[New Bible Commentary](#) - (1994) [See user reviews](#)

[Compact Bible commentary](#) by Radmacher, Earl D; Allen, Ronald Barclay; House, H Wayne, et al - 954 pages. [424 ratings](#) Multiple contributors to the comments which are often verse by verse. The comments are brief but meaty and can really help your study through a given book. A sleeper in my opinion.

[The Experiencing God Study Bible: the Bible for knowing and doing the will of God](#)- Blackaby, Henry (1996) 1968 pages - CHECK THIS ONE! Each chapter begins with several questions under the title "PREPARE TO MEET GOD." Then you will interesting symbols before many of the passages. The chapter ends with a "DID YOU NOTICE?" question. This might make a "dry chapter" jump off the page! Read some of the [48 ratings](#)

[NLT Study Bible](#) (Illustration Version)

[Disciple's Study Bible: New international version](#) [54 ratings](#) Not that helpful for verse by verse study. Focuses on application of Christian doctrines. 10,000 annotations; doctrinal summaries, "Life Helps" section relate doctrine to everyday discipleship.

[The Living Insights Study Bible : New International Version](#) - Charles Swindoll. Notes are good but somewhat sparse and not verse by verse.

[The Apologetics Study Bible Understand Why You Believe](#) by Norman Geisler

[NIV Archaeological Study Bible](#) (2005) 2360 pages [950 ratings](#) (See also [Archaeology and the Bible - OT and NT](#))

"Readers who desire a more intimate knowledge of the historical context of the Bible will appreciate the NIV Archaeological Study Bible. Full of informative articles and full-color photographs of places and objects from biblical times, this Bible examines the archaeological record surrounding God's Word and brings the biblical world to life. Readers' personal studies will be enriched as they become more informed about the empires, places, and peoples of the ancient world. Features include: • Four-color interior throughout • Bottom-of-page study notes exploring passages that speak on archaeological and cultural facts • Articles (520) covering five main categories: Archaeological Sites, Cultural and Historical Notes, Ancient Peoples and Lands, the Reliability of the Bible, and Ancient Texts and Artifacts • Approximately 500 4-color photographs interspersed throughout • Detailed book introductions that provide basic, at-a-glance information • Detailed charts on pertinent topics • In-text color maps that assist the reader in placing the action "

[NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible. Bringing to Life the Ancient World of Scripture](#) Keener, Craig and Walton, John. Editors (2017)

[The Holman Illustrated Study Bible 120 ratings](#) Includes the excellent Holman maps but otherwise of little help in serious study.

[Zondervan King James Version Commentary](#) - New Testament

[NIV Celebrate Recovery Study Bible](#)

[Daily Study Bible for Women : New Living Translation](#)

[The Woman's Study Bible : the New King James Version](#)

[The Study Bible for Women : Holman Christian Standard Bible](#)

[Daily Study Bible for Men : New Living Translation](#)

[NIV Topical Study Bible : New International Version](#)

[Ryrie Study Bible](#) - Charles Ryrie (1978) 2142 pages. Conservative. [216 ratings](#)

[Ryrie Study Bible Expanded Edition](#) (1994) 2232 pages

[The Hebrew-Greek Key Study Bible : New American standard study](#) by Strong, James, 1822-1894; Zodhiates, Spiros

[The New Inductive Study Bible : updated New American Standard Bible](#) - Introductions of each book give suggestions how to perform an inductive study on that specific book. Not strictly speaking a "study Bible" with notes but a Bible to help you study inductively. Has wide margins for making notes. This is one that works best in "paper," not digitally.

[With the Word](#) - Devotional Commentary - Warren Wiersbe - [428 ratings](#)

[Evangelical Commentary on the Bible](#) - Judges by Andrew Boling (20 pages); editor Walter Elwell (1989) 1239 pages. [User reviews](#). (See also Boling's [380 page commentary on Judges](#) the Anchor Bible Series)

[Halley's Bible Handbook](#) Henry H. Halley - (2000) 2720 pages (much larger than original edition in 1965 and no time limit on use). ([Halley's Bible handbook : an abbreviated Bible commentary - one hour limit](#) 1965 872 pages)

Rosscup - A much-used older evangelical handbook bringing together a brief commentary on Bible books, some key archaeological findings, historical background, maps, quotes, etc. It is helpful to a lay Bible teacher, Sunday School leader, or pastor looking for quick, pertinent information on a Bible book. This is the 72nd printing somewhat revised. Halley packed in much information. Unger's is better overall, but that is not to say that Halley's will not provide much help on basic information.

[The Shaw Pocket Bible Handbook](#) - Editor - Walter Elwell (1984) 408 pages.

"This hardback is small in size but packed full of content: Brief summaries of every book of the bible, cultural, archaeological and historical info, word definitions, pictures, maps and charts." Worth checking!

MORE SERMONS

MARK ADAMS - Redlands Baptist Church

- [Philippians 3:1-11 Learning How to Count](#)
- [Philippians 3:12-21 Running to Win](#)

HENRY ALFORD

- [Philippians 3 Commentary](#)

GREGG ALLEN

- [Philippians 3:17-4:1 Living On Earth As If in Heaven](#)

MAX ALDERMAN

- [Philippians Commentary - A Study Outline](#)

DON ANDERSON

- [Philippians - Q & A Format](#)

PAUL APPLE

- [Philippians Commentary](#)

JACK ARNOLD -Sermons

- [Philippians 3:1-7 Gods Antidote for Legalism in Salvation](#)
- [Philippians 3:8-11 Christ, the Answer to Legalism in Sanctification](#)
- [Philippians 3:12-14 Legalism, Complacency and Maturity](#)
- [Philippians 3:15-21 The Subtlety of Error](#)

BACK TO THE BIBLE

- Philippians Devotionals - click for devotionals below
- Philippians 3:1-11 Zeal Without Knowledge by Theodore Epp
- Philippians 3:1 A Safeguard for the Soul by Elisabeth Elliot
- Philippians 3:3 Evidence of Separation by Theodore Epp
- Philippians 3:8 Counting the Cost by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman
- Philippians 3:7 Heart's Sacrifice by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman
- Philippians 3:8 Costly Glory by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman
- Philippians 3:10 Desiring to Know God Better by Theodore Epp
- Philippians 3:10 No Comforters by Warren Wiersbe
- Philippians 3:10 Does Christ Feel at Home in Your Heart? by Theodore Epp
- Philippians 3:10 Being in His Presence D Martyn Lloyd-Jones
- Philippians 3:10 The Fellowship of Christ's Sufferings G Campbell Morgan
- Philippians 3:13 Spiritual Memory by Dr. Warren Wiersbe
- Philippians 3:12-14 Dealing With Your Past by Theodore Epp
- Philippians 3:13-14 Regrets by Elisabeth Elliot
- Philippians 3:14 Becoming Spiritually Aggressive by Theodore Epp
- Philippians 3:17-21 Citizens of Heaven! by Theodore Epp
- Philippians 3:20 City of God by Warren Wiersbe

WILLIAM BARCLAY

- [Philippians 3 Commentary](#)

ALBERT BARNES

- [Philippians 3 Commentary](#)

WILLIAM BARRICK

- [The Joy Way--Philippians](#) -42 pages
- [The Joy Way--Philippians Handout](#)

BRIAN BELL

- Philippians 3:1-11 Rippin Religion
- Philippians 3:1-11
- Philippians 3:12-21 "Paul's To-Do List"

JOHANN BENGEL

- [Philippians 3 Commentary](#)
- [Philippians 3 Commentary](#) - less Greek

JOSEPH BENSON

- [Philippians 3 Commentary](#)

JOSEPH BEET

- [Philippians 3 Commentary](#)

CHRIS BENFIELD - Sermons

- [Philippians 3:1-6 Focused on the Faith](#)
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JIM BOMKAMP

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- [Philippians 3:10-21](#)

BRIAN BILL

- [Philippians 3:1-11 Losing to Gain](#)
- [Philippians 3:12-4:1 Pressing On When the Pressures On](#)

BRIDGEWAY

- [Philippians 3 Commentary](#)

F F BRUCE

- [Philippians 3:11- Attaining the Resurrection \(Problem Texts\)](#)

WILLIAM BURKITT

- [Philippians 3 Commentary](#)

JOHN CALVIN

- [Philippians 3 Commentary](#)

CAMBRIDGE GREEK

- [Philippians 3 Commentary](#)

CAMBRIDGE BIBLE

- [Philippians 3 Commentary](#)

ALAN CARR

- [Philippians 3:1-3 The Possessions Of A Covenant People](#)
- [Philippians 3:7-11 How To Develop A Normal Christian Life](#)
- [Philippians 3:12-16 Running For The Prize](#)
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