

## Lesson 11 - Pressing On - Chapter 3

Paul's Warnings	Paul's Confidence	But This One Thing I Do
<p><b>BEWARE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dogs</li> <li>- Scavengers</li> <li>- Looking for something to devour</li> <li>- Street dogs</li> <li>- Immorality, unclean (Dt 23:18)</li> <li>- Manipulators - false teachers - corrupt the church - shepherds with no understand</li> <li>- Evil workers - Judaizers - they prided themselves on being workers of righteousness, they were actually workers of iniquity</li> <li>- Worked against the gospel</li> <li>- Drawing attention away from Christ's accomplished redemption</li> <li>- false circumcision</li> <li>- Mutilated the flesh, to no avail</li> <li>- It was to show a relationship with God, it became a ritual</li> <li>- Judiazers were mutilating the gospel by adding the Law to it</li> </ul> <p>True circumcision (3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- worship in the Spirit of God</li> <li>- Glory to Christ Jesus</li> <li>- Put no confidence in the flesh</li> </ul>	<p>Could have put his confidence in (4-6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Circumcision</li> <li>- From Israel</li> <li>- Tribe of Benjamin</li> <li>- Hebrews</li> <li>- Pharisee</li> <li>- Persecutor - zealous</li> <li>- Blameless</li> <li>- He thought he was righteous</li> <li>- PRIDE</li> </ul> <p>Today's society - confidence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Family</li> <li>- Money</li> <li>- Numbers</li> <li>- Baptism</li> <li>- Self</li> <li>- Church attendance/member</li> <li>- Servitude</li> <li>- Family heritage</li> <li>- Position in church</li> <li>- Giving to poor/giving</li> <li>- Idolizing pastors/speakers/worship leaders</li> <li>- My accomplishments in the Bible</li> <li>- Prayer</li> <li>- Denominations</li> <li>- Sacraments</li> <li>- Measuring ourselves against others - self-righteous</li> </ul>	<p>Verse 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- forgetting what lies behind (13)</li> <li>- Pedigree (5-6)</li> <li>- Counted it all as loss (7-8)</li> <li>- Found righteousness that came from God and not derived from man (9)</li> <li>- Reaching forward to what lies ahead</li> <li>- Resurrection from the dead (10-11)</li> <li>- Pressing on to the goal (14)</li> <li>- Prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (14)</li> <li>- Have this attitude - keep living by the standard you have seen (16) - being like Jesus</li> </ul>

Following Paul's Example	Enemies of the Cross	Exhortations/Instructions
<p>Join in following my example (17) Walk according to the pattern you have in other who walk as we do (17)</p> <p>Citizenship is in heaven (20) Transformed by His power (21)</p> <p>Focus not on earthly things but what he has in heaven</p>	<p>Whose end is destruction</p> <p>Whose god is their appetite</p> <p>Whose glory is their shame</p> <p>Minds set on earthly things (18-19)</p> <p>Cross represents death to self Enemy of the cross is some who lives for self</p> <p>Matt 10:34-39 - cross involves dying to self - all other relationships need to take a backseat compared to relationship with Christ - humility</p> <p>Luke 14:25-35 - counting the cost - and putting anything ahead of Christ - you can not be His disciple</p> <p>Romans 6:1-14 - dead to sin allows life</p> <p>Galatians 2:19-21 - crucified with Christ - dead to sin - then we can be alive with Christ</p>	<p>Rejoice in the Lord (1)</p> <p>Beware (2)</p> <p>Confidence should be in the Lord and not in the flesh (3-6)</p> <p>Right perspective on earthly things (7-8)</p> <p>Righteousness that comes through faith and not through the works of the Law (9)</p> <p>Press on - to lay hold on the things of Christ (12-13) - Forgetting what's behind, reaching for what's ahead - Toward the goal (14) - to be with Christ - Have the correct attitude about life (15-16)</p> <p>Following my example (17)</p> <p>Focus on our citizenship which is in heaven (20)</p>

