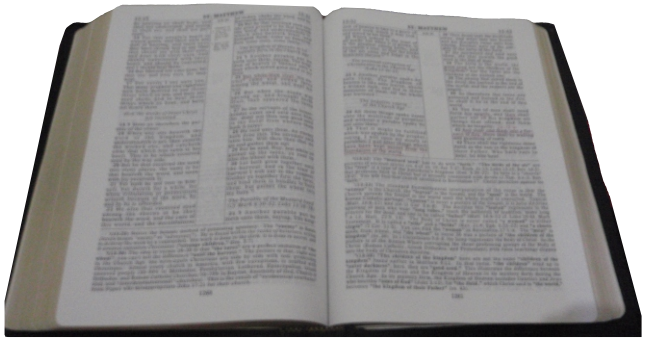
Bible Believers Commentary



King James 1611

Philippians

Chapter 3

The entrance of thy words giveth light;
Ps. 119:136

3:1- **Paul is in jail & he is rejoicing**

- I can't rejoice in my situation – don't

- Rejoice in the Lord – not your situation

3:1- **The Lord is faithful**

- Your situation will change but the Lord won't

- The Lord doesn't change - he is dependable

- Ph. 4:4 - Rejoice in the Lord alway and again I say rejoice.

- Ph. 4:10 - Paul rejoiced in the Lord greatly

- Remember the theme – Joy, Rejoice

3:1- **To write the same things to you**

- Its ok to be repetitious in the Bible

- Jack Hyles mom - repeated every night to Jack

  - This is the word of God, This is Gods book

- Keep going over the word of God.

- 1Pet. 2:2- As newborn babes desire the sincere milk of the

- God over the simple things in the bible - over & over

- Sign - Have a coke

- What would you like to drink — Coke

- Doors being shut - Pass through solid objects

- Lk. 24:31- Invisible at will

- Rev. 21:4- No more pain, death, old age

- Mt. 17:2- Face did shine

- 1Jh. 3:2-3

- 1Cor. 15:42-52

- It's ok to possess things as long as things don't possess you.

3:20-21- Two great verses to end the Chapter with.

- The reason people mind earthly things is because their not communing with God.

- Your not spending time in prayer to God.

3:20- **We look for the saviour**

- He's coming back - Are you ready for the Rapture

- Jh. 14:1-3 - I go to prepare a place for you- I will come again

- 1Th. 1:10- and to wait for his son

- Tit. 2:13- Looking for that blessed hope

- Heb. 11:10- Abraham looked for a city

3:21- **Who shall change our vile body**

- now - put your body under subjection

- **Change** - Vile - villian-

- Your body is not as pretty as you think it is.

- Glorious body

- Lk.24:39- A spirit hath not flesh and bones

- Lk. 24:42-43 - He ate broiled fish

- Jh. 20:17 - touch me not

- Jh. 20:19- Same day - went to 3rd heaven and back

3:1- **It is safe**

- It's good for you that were repetitious

- Gal. 5:22-23 – Fruit of the Spirit — Love, Joy, Peace

- 5:23- Against such there is no Law

- It's not against the law to rejoice

- You can rejoice in Church- Maybe not a home or work

3:2- **Beware of Dogs**

- ILL- California delivering papers – German shepard

- Dogs - False Teachers

- 2Pet. 2:1, 22

- Mt. 7:15- watch out for wolves in sheep's clothing

- Dogs – Scavengers

- Dog found rotten deer meat from freezer - ate it and almost died.

- Wild dogs - pick off the weak of the heard

- fi fi dogs - neap your heals

3:2- **Beware of evil workers**

- Beware - Be aware

- Evil worker – Someone who does everything in the Flesh.

3:2-3- **Concision -** These are Jews telling people they had to be circumcised to go to heaven.

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- Acts 15:1-11 – Answer to this false teaching

- Gal. written against Judaizers

- Gentiles do not have to become a Jew to be a Christian

- Rom. 2:25-29 – Circumcision

- James 2:10

- Gal. 3:10

- Timothy – Acts 16:1-3 – Testimony

- Titus – Gal. 2:3- Doctrinal

3:3- In the spirit

- Judizers worship but know not what

- Jh. 4:21-24 - Worshiping God in the flesh

- Rom. 8:8

- Col. 2:11-12 - Unsaved man cannot worship God in the Spirit

- Jh. 3:3- Ye must be born again

3:3- **Rejoice in Christ**

- If your not in Christ you can't rejoice

- Your still in your sins

3:3- **and have no confidence in the flesh**

- God confidence - Gods going to get you through because he's done it before.

- Talk about things that are shameful

- Christians cuss - shameful, wrong
- Rom. 8:5- Mind the things of the flesh.

- Your mind controls everything

- Rom. 7:23-25- with the mind I myself serve the Law of God

- Are you an enemy of the Cross

- Gal.6:14

- Rom. 8:17-18

3:19- **Mind earthly things**

- Lot - Chose well watered plains - He lost it

- Lot - Uncle Abraham your older and wiser what do you think.

- Col. 3:2- Set your affection on things above

- Heb. 11:24-25 - Choosing rather to suffer

- Heb. 11:26- Serving and suffering now is better than the riches of the earth.

- Heb. 11:26- Respect unto the recompence

- He had respet that God would take care concerning his reward.

- God always has your best interest at heart.

- Remember what Jim Elliot said:

- He is no fool to give up what he cannot keep; to gain what he cannot loose.

3:18- Enemies of the **Cross of Christ**

- Enemies – of the Gospel of Christ – No

- The cross des not include the resurrection

- What is the Cross – Suffering, self denial,
suffering reproach

- 3:8- suffered the loss of all things

- 3:10- fellowship of his suffering

- 3:10- Being make conformable unto is death.

- Their enemies of suffering and self denial

- 2Tim. 3:4- Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.

- If you apply this to a lost person, they are adding to the cross – works

- Saved - 1Cor. 3:11-15

- Works are burned - destroyed

- God is their belly

- Rom. 16:17-18- Christians

3:19- What happens because you're an enemy

- End is destruction

- God is their belly

- Glory in their shame

- Rom. 7:8

- Jh. 6:63 - The flesh profiteth nothing

- We have no confidence in the flesh

- Worlds motto - you need to have self confidence

- No confidence in God

- Ps. 118:8- It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man

3:4- Paul switches what he just said to prove a point.

- If any man could trust in the flesh it would be Paul - 2nd to none.

3:5- Paul's credentials

Paul's accomplishments

Paul's achievements

- Gen. 17 - Abraham given the covenant of circumcision.

- Paul born a Jew - not a proselyte.

- Benjamin - Jacobs favorite son - Israel and Rachel

- Hebrew - Elite

- Pharisee - Scholar - Teacher

- Lk. 18:9

3:6- **Persecuting the church**

- Num. 15:32-36- Man stoned for picking up sticks

- Acts 7:58- If Jesus was an ordinary man, Paul was right in killing Steven.

- Gal. 1:13:14- Paul was a better Christian lost than we are saved.

3:6- **Blameless**

- He kept the law

- No Pork, tattoos

- Material - no blending of different fabrics

- 1Sam. 16:7 - Man looketh on the outward but God looketh on the heart.

- There was something wrong with Paul. - His religion

3:7- **Count**

- 3:7-8 - Count the cost

- Build a house

- Lk. 14:28

3:7- **Gain - Loss** – Inventory

- Gave up everything - to win Christ

- Your Church	-	Good works	Baptist
Baptism	-	Catechism	Methodist
			Catholic

3:8- **Suffered the loss**

- It hurts when you give up something for Christ

- The hardest thing about work is thinking about it.

- You need your mind disciplined

- Ph. 4:8- /think on these things

- Pr. 23:7- For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he

- 1Pet. 1:13 - Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind.

- Heb. 12:3- For consider him .... and faint in your mind

3:17- **Brethren be followers together of me**

- 1Cor. 11:1- be ye followers of me

- It's ok to follow a man as long as he is following Christ.

- Ph. 4:9- Seen in me do

3:17- **ensample-** not example

- Store - handing out free samples of cheese. You walk down the isle thinking that's good I want some.

- Ensample is the real thing.

3:17- **And mark them** - Why? - 3:18

- For many walk

- and now tell you even weeping

- Paul is weeping

- Ph. 4:4- Rejoice in the Lord alway

- Enemies of Christ — No – Cross

3:15- **As be perfect**

- He said he was perfect

- 3:12- He wasn't perfect

- Perfect in the bible - never means sinless

- Perfect - Complete, whole, muture

- Lk. 13:32 - I shall be perfected

- Paul is saying in verse 12 that he hasn't yet gotten the complete knowledge and attainment he sought in verses 10-11. In verse 15 he is saying that he is completely following the attitude toward the past and future that he expressed in verses 13-14.

3:15- **Be thus minded** - Mind - 3:15,16,19

- 3:13- Forgetting- that's your mind

- 3:15- Otherwise minded - Thinking you are already perfect and have attained and now you don't have to do anything.

- The Race isn't over yet.

- If you have the attitude that the race is over and I am saved I am going to do what I what until the rapture.

- 3:15- God shall reveal even this unto you.

- You have not attained yet- Your not pressing toward the mark.

3:16- **mind the same thing**

- The race is in your mind.

- Your family, friends

- Dung stinks

- None of these things satisfied Paul

- Things not excepted by God

- Morality - to keep him out of trouble

- Not enough righteousness to get to heaven.

- It was not bad things that kept Paul from trusting Christ

    - Good things

- He had to loose his religion - to find salvation

- I am to bad to be saved

- Paul - I am to good

- There is only one good work that God will except to get to heaven.

- The finished work of Christ on the Cross.

- Jim Elliot said

    - He is no fool to give up what he can't keep to gain what he cannot loose.

3:7- **I count**

- Paul was clean and righteous

- He was dirty next to Christ

- Isa. 64:6 - All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags

- The best we've done is filthy rags in the sight of God

3:7-8 - **Counting the Cost**

1- **I counted -** Past tense

- Willing to loose everything to get saved.

- Remember what it was like when you were lost.

- Afraid to sleep at night

- Mk. 8:36 - For what shall it profit

- Jonah 1:5- Cast out the wares

- Acts 27:14-18 - Euroclydon – Typhoon - Quicksands

- Your life is sinking before you eyes.

- Lk. 12:16-21 - Thou fool this night thy soul

- Jh. 17:3- To know Christ is eternal life

2- 3:8- **I count -** Present tense

- The knowledge of Christ

- 5 years later — 20 years - I gave it all up for Christ.

- Acts 27:19 - use our own hands to throw out the things

- Things that are keeping you from learning the bood

- 3:7, 8, 13, 19 - Things

1- Dissatisfaction
2- Devotion
3- Direction
4- Determination

3:14- **I press - Determination**

- I press toward the mark

- Running- your body is out ahead-

- You have to press yourself - push yourself

- 1Cor. 9:24-27

- 1Cor. 9:27- I keep under my body and bring it into subjection.

- Paul said - I keep - not God

- 2 types of people

1- I must do it all

2- God must do it all

- Pray like it all depends on God, work like it all depends on you.

3:14- **High calling** - Holy calling – Heavenly calling

- 3:11- I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead

- Were going to get resurrected from the dead

- Heb. 11:38-40 , 35

- Received their dead raised to life again.

- Mt. 6:33- But seek ye first the kingdom of God

3:13- 1- **Dissatisfaction** - I count not myself to have apprehended

2- **Devotion** - This one thing I do
- Forgetting those things that are behind

- Devotion - Don't live in the Past

- Lk. 17:32 - Remember Lot's wife.

- Lk. 9:62 - Looking back

- Heb. 11:15 - If they had been mindful

- Gen. 41:51 - Manasseh - For God said he hath made me forget all my toil

- Gen. 41:52 - Ephraim - For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

3- **Direction** - Reaching forth

- **Reaching forth**

- ILL- Man in a race who is looking back is tired and about to be passed.

Song - Onward forward shout a loud hosanna, Ready steady

- Onward, forward

- Redeeming the time

- Run the race

- Eph. 4:14 - That we henceforth be no more children tossed

- ILL - English war ship had to throw the cannons overboard to catch the Spanish galleon full of gold - The prize

- Heb. 12:1 - Let us lay aside every weight and sin which doth

- Ph. 3:14- The Prize Jesus

3- 3:8- **Do Count** - Win Christ – His influence – Favor

- Acts 27:38 - Cast out the food

- Are you ready to cast out the food to win the prize

- The Excellency of the knowledge of Christ

- Are you ready to move up to the next level and really know Christ

- Ezra 8:21, 23

3:9- **Faith** - Faith only

- Paul's righteousness was not good enough

- Rom. 10:17

- Eph. 2:8-9

- Gal. 3:14

- Ph. 3:4-6 - Paul is bragging that he is better than you and he isn't good enough.

- Isa. 64:6 - All our righteousness is as filthy rags

- Ps. 39:5 - Verily everyman at his best state is altogether vanity

3:9- **The righteousness which is of God by faith**

- How do we get it – Ask for it

- Rom. 10:13 - For whosoever shall cal upon the name of the

3:10- **1- That I may know him**

- Personally – Intimitly

- Do you desire God – Thirst for God

- After 10 years you should know Christ better

- You know your spouse better

  - your thinking — What did I get into

- 1Tim. 1:12 - I know whom I have believed

- Talk to God — When's the last time — As a friend

- Jam. 2:23 - Abraham was called the friend of God

- Jh. 14:9 - Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not know me.

- Some folks have been saved for a long time and you don't know Christ very well.

- Rev. 3:20 - Are you luke warm in your christianity

  - open the door

  - Behold I stand at the door

  - You need more of Jesus Christ

- Are you content where you are at.

- Rev. 3:1- ...thou hast a name

- Rev. 3:17- Because thou sayest

- 1Cor. 10:12- Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth

- Rev. 2:9- This is the opposite - Poor, Blind - Rich

- Jud. 16:20- Samson wist not that the Lord had departed from

- Mk. 12:30- And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine

3:13- **But this one thing I do**

- Not the 40 things I dabble in.

- The hardest thing is Bible Reading, Prayer

- How important is daily bible reading and prayer if the devil tries to stop you every day.

- One thing I do - Walk with God

- Lk. 10:38-42 - Martha & Mary - One Thing

- Ps. 27:4- One Thing

- Ps. 84:10- I had rather be a door keeper in the house of

- Neh. 6:3- I am doing a great work, so that I can not come

- Nehemiah was focused- building the wall - One Thing

- Jam. 1:8 - A double minded man is unstable in all his ways

- Focus on one thing for God.

- We need to apprehend Christ.

- His perfect will for us

- Mark of maturity - Your not prefect

- We have the right church - Bible

- I have arrived - no you havan't

3:12- **But I follow after**

- Paul stayed busy for Christ

- He was always wanting to know what Christ wanted him to do.

- Lk. 12:19- Paul never said. - Soul take thine ease, Eat drink

- We think because we are saved and have a good church we can take it easy

- No Paul followed after

- Pr. 27:7 - The full soul loatheth an honeycomb

- When you think your soul is full then you start despising the things of God.

- A man full of self needs nothing else.

3:13- **I count not myself to have apprehended**

- Have you apprehended - Are you in the perfect will of God.

- Spiritual growth – First step

1- Spiritual dissatisfaction - Are you satisfied with your spiritual growth.

3:10-

1- That I may know him

2- Power of his resurrection

- Jh. 11:25 - Jesus said unto her - I am

- When I got saved - Jesus lives inside of me

- Gal. 2:20 - Christ liveth in me.

- You have the Power of the Resurrection living in you

- Jh. 10:17-18 - Jesus had the power to raise himself up from the dead.

- People say - I' ll clean my own life up

- No you can't - You need a saviour - Jesus Christ

3- Fellowship of his sufferings

- We all want fellowship

- You won't know him very well if you don't suffer

- You have to suffer to fellowship with Christ.

- You suffer by refusing to sin - It hurts

3 Things

1- That I may know him

2- Power of his resurrection

3- Fellowship of his sufferings

- You know how you can have all these

3:10- **Being made conformable unto his death**

- You have to die.

- You have to die to self.

- Die daily - hurts, painful, it's slow

- Are you willing to suffer the loss of all things To know him better.

3:10- Good verse to know and memorize

1- That I may know him

- As a friend personally

2- Power of his Resurrection

- To live a godly Christian life.

3- Fellowship of his sufferings

- You can't not have the fellowship of his sufferings unless your going through problems.

3:11- **I might attain** – has to do with works

- Paul is not doing good works to get resurrected. We get resurrected by the work of Christ on the cross.

- We are waiting for the shout.

- 1Th.4:15-18

- There are 4 theories on this verse - how to attain

3:11- 1- The Rapture

2- Spiritual Resurrection

- Eph. 2:1 - Born dead- now alive

3- Living in the power of the resurrection walking in the new life. Rom. 6, matches verse 10.

4- Doc. Says - the attainment of a higher degree of rewards verse 14.

- Heb.11:35- Better resurrection, rewards for being a martyr.

3:12- Paul is saying he is not perfect - he hasn't attained yet.

- **But I follow after** - I will keep trying until I become perfect

- **That I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended.**

- I am trying to apprehend why Christ apprehended me.

- Going through life Christ got a hold of me.

- Christ arrested me - He apprehended me

- Christ had his posy after you

- Christians praying for you.

- People witnessing to you

- The Holy Spirit

- March 23, 1979- Christ arrested me.

- Now we need to find out why Christ apprehended us.