

*Those who trust in the LORD
are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be shaken
but endures forever.
As the mountains surround
Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people
both now and forevermore.*

Psalm 125:1,2

Scripture Reading:

Philippians 3:1-11

1 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.

2 Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh.

*3 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—4 though I myself have
reasons for such confidence.*

*If anyone else thinks he has
reasons to put confidence in the
flesh, I have more:*

5 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; 6 as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.

7 But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 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

*9 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.*

10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

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Romans 3:1-8

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The Wrath of God	1:18 – 3:20
The Grace of God	3:21 – 8:39
The Plan of God	9 – 11
The Will of God	12:1 – 15:13

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Depraved Gentiles	1:18-32
Critical Moralizers	2:1-16
Self-Confident Jews	2:17 – 3:8
<i>The Law</i>	<i>(2:17-24)</i>
<i>Circumcision</i>	<i>(2:25-29)</i>
<i>Religious Surroundings</i>	<i>(3:1-8)</i>
All Mankind	3:9-20

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Religious Surroundings:

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What advantage?

vs 1-2

What about God's faithfulness?

vs 3-4

What about our sin?

vs 5-8