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**WOW – Word on Wednesday**

**LIVING LIKE IT MATTERS**

*The Study of Philippians*

*Lesson 3 – Out with the Old, In with the New!*

*Chapter 3*

**Introduction:** As we continue our study of the Book of Philippians, through the series of “Living Like It Matters”, in Chapter 3, Paul makes a clear distinction of what his life was – before Christ – and what it currently was – in Christ. As Christians, we need to be aware of our righteousness through Christ – and not of our works. We should be on guard against false teachings and beliefs of the world and the culture. Philippians 3 also stresses the practice of moving forward and not being bound to our past – Out with the Old and In with the New!

1. **The Corruption (3:1-3, 18-19)** – *The Philippian Church is facing deadly foes.*
  - a. Who are these foes? (vs 1-3) Psalm 37:1-5
    - i. They are Judaizers, who Paul calls ‘dogs’ because they say circumcision is necessary for salvation.
    - ii. The true circumcision (vs 3a) – “we do worship God in the Spirit – are truly circumcised.” John 4:24
    - iii. The false circumcision (vs 3b) – “we put no confidence in the human effort.” Romans 2:28-29
  - b. What these foes are? (vs 18-19b)
    - i. They are enemies of the Cross. 1 John 4:3
    - ii. They are proud and sensual materialists. James 5:1
  - c. Where these foes are headed. (vs 19a) – *their future is eternal destruction.*
  
2. **The Cost Paul Has Given Up – To Become a Child of God.** Luke 14:26
  - a. His prestige among the Jews (vs 4-5) Luke 9:23
  - b. His persecution against the Church (vs 6)
  
3. **The Commitment** (vs 7-8)
  - a. Paul gave up what he thought was important and gained the priceless knowledge of Christ. Luke 12:33
  
4. **The Crown** (vs 9-14, 20-21)
  - a. Paul has gained four things from becoming a child of God.
    - i. A new righteousness (vs 9-12) Psalm 106:3
    - ii. A new goal (vs 13-14) John 6:27
    - iii. A new home (vs 20) John 14:2
    - iv. A new body (vs 21) 2 Corinthians 5:1