

Eagerly Waiting

Assiduously and Patiently to waiting

- Philippians 3:1-11 (NKJV)
- 1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe. 2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation! 3 **For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,** 4 though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; 6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.
- 7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.
 - **vs4-6 Paul uses himself as an exemplary Jew to lead Jews and Gentiles** from works of the law to faith in Jesus Christ for justification and in justification of faith to hope ____
- and vs7-11 as the pattern found in **Abraham - Genesis 14:22-24 (NKJV) -and to Gentiles**
- 22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the Lord, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth, 23 that I will take nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich'-24 except only what the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion." Genesis 15:6 And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.
- Philippians 3:17-21 (NKJV)
- 17 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. 18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things. 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also **eagerly waiting for** the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 **who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.**
- - Romans 4:16-17 (NKJV)
 - 16 Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all 17 **(as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations")** in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;
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- Romans 8:23-25 (NKJV)
- 23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, **eagerly waiting for** the adoption, **the redemption of our body.** 24 For we

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were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we **eagerly waiting for** it with perseverance.

- the redemption of our body –Romans 7:23–8:1 (NKJV)
- 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin. – 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
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- 1 Corinthians 1:4–9 (NKJV)
- 4 I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, 5 that you were **enriched** in everything by Him **in all utterance and all knowledge**, 6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you,
- 7 so that you come short in no gift, **eagerly waiting for** the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - **in all utterance and all knowledge** – the general knowledge of the Christian religion
 - Galatians 4:28–5:6 (NKJV)
 - 28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. 29 But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. 30 Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.” 31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free. –
 - 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. 2 Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. 3 And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. 4 You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. 5 For we through the Spirit **eagerly waiting for** the hope of righteousness by faith. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.
- Hebrews 9:27–28 (NKJV)
- 27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, 28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who **eagerly waiting for** Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.
- ἀπ-εκ-δέχομαι; [impf. ἀπεξεδεχόμεν]; **assiduously** and patiently to wait for
- **assiduously** – in a manner involving great or constant activity//trying assiduously to organize everything for the walkathon
- synonyms for assiduously
- actively, busily, diligently, industriously, laboriously

2 Peter 3:10–14 (NKJV)

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works

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that are in it will be burned up. 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. **14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace/fellowship, without spot and blameless;**

(ESV) 2 Peter 3:14

14 Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

(KJV 1900) 2 Peter 3:14

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

1 John 3:1–3 (NKJV)

1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. **3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.**

examining Revelation 3:2–3 (NKJV)

2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God. 3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.