

Worthwhile Endeavors and True Noteworthiness



1 Corinthians 3:18-23

Philippians 3:2-4

- Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation! For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and **have no confidence in the flesh**, though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so:

Philippians 3:5-7

- circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. **But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.**

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Romans 1:20-21

- For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, **they did not glorify Him** as God, **nor were thankful**, but **became futile in their thoughts**, and their foolish **hearts were darkened**.

Romans 1:22-23

- Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man -- and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Romans 1:24-25

- Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who **exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.**

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Job 5:8-11

- "But as for me, I would seek God, And to God I would commit my cause -- Who does great things, and unsearchable, Marvelous things without number. He gives rain on the earth, And sends waters on the fields. He sets on high those who are lowly, And those who mourn are lifted to safety.

Job 5:12-14

- He frustrates the devices of the crafty, So that their hands cannot carry out their plans. **He catches the wise in their own craftiness**, And the counsel of the cunning comes quickly upon them. They meet with darkness in the daytime, And grope at noontime as in the night.

Psalm 94:1-3

- O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongs -- O God, to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth! Rise up, O Judge of the earth; Render punishment to **the proud**. LORD, how long will the wicked, How long will the wicked triumph?

Psalm 94:4-7

- They utter speech, *and* speak insolent things; All the workers of iniquity **boast in themselves**. They break in pieces Your people, O LORD, And afflict Your heritage. They slay the widow and the stranger, And murder the fatherless. Yet **they say**, "The LORD does not see, Nor does the God of Jacob understand."

Psalm 94:8-11

- Understand, you **senseless** among the people; And *you* **fools**, when will you be wise? He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see? He who instructs the nations, shall He not correct, He who teaches man knowledge? **The LORD knows the thoughts of man, That they are futile.**

Psalm 94:12-14

- Blessed *is* the man **whom You instruct**, O LORD, And **teach out of Your law**, That You may give him rest from the days of adversity, Until the pit is dug for the wicked. For the LORD will not cast off His people, Nor will He forsake His inheritance.

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Romans 8:31-32

- What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, **how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?**

1 Corinthians 1:30-31

- But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God -- and righteousness and sanctification and redemption -- that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the LORD."

Hebrews 1:1-2

- God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by *His Son*, **whom He has appointed heir of all things**, through whom also He made the worlds;

Romans 8:35

- Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Romans 8:38-39

- For I am persuaded that neither **death nor life**, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor **things present nor things to come**, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

by Zacharius Ursinus

- What is your only comfort in life and death?
- That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ...

Romans 4:7-9

- For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, **whether we live or die, we are the Lord's**. For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, **that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living**.

1 Corinthians 11:3; 15:28

- **1 Corinthians 11:3** But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman *is* man, and **the head of Christ *is* God.**
- **1 Corinthians 15:28** Now when all things are made subject to Him, then **the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him**, that God may be all in all.

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James 3:13-16

- Who *is* wise and understanding among you? Let him show **by good conduct** *that* his works *are done* in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have **bitter envy and self-seeking** in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is earthly*, sensual, demonic. For **where envy and self-seeking exist**, confusion and every evil thing *are* there.

James 3:17-18

- But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then **peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy** and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now **the fruit of righteousness** is sown in peace by those who make peace.

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