

## *Overcomer*

### *Part 5: Hope*

*“hope that doesn’t disappoint.” – Romans 5:5*

*“The main emotion of the American adult who has had all the advantages of wealth, education and culture is disappointment.” – John Cheever*

*“Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord!” – Philippians 3:1*

*“Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh. 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 (or no hope) in the flesh.” – Philippians 3:2-3*

**Whenever you hear teaching that says it is Jesus plus something else, a red flag should go up.**

*“I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: 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; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.” – Philippians 3:4-5*

*“But whatever was to my profit I now 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 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. 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, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.” – Philippians 3:7-10*

*“I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.” – Philippians 3:7-8*

*“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters – yes, even his own life – he cannot be my disciple.” – Luke 14:26*

*“But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 3:13-14*

*“All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.” – Philippians 3:15*

*“Only let us live up to what we have already attained.” – Philippians 3:16*

*“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ... who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.” – Philippians 3:20-21*

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