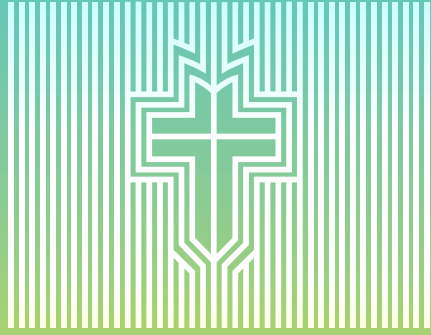


PHILIPPIANS

The Joy of Gospel Faith



GAINING CHRIST THROUGH THE GOSPEL

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Philippians 3:1–11
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SERMON OUTLINE NOTES

I. THE JOY OF GOSPEL FAITH (PHILIPPIANS 3:1)

- A. The gospel produces joy in the Lord (Psalm 4:7; Psalm 16:11; Luke 2:10–11)
- B. The gospel is a safeguard against false gospels that destroy us (1 Timothy 1:18–19)

II. RIVAL "GOSPELS" AND JOYLESS FAITH (PHILIPPIANS 3:2–6)

- A. A word of warning about those who evangelize a false gospel (Philippians 3:2; Galatians 1:6–9)
- B. A word of reminder about those who believe the gospel (Philippians 3:3)
 1. Those who believe the gospel are the true circumcision (Ephesians 2:11–12; Deuteronomy 10:16–19; Romans 2:28–29; Colossians 2:11–14)
 2. Believers in the gospel worship by the Spirit (Ephesians 1:13–14)
 3. Believers in the gospel glory (boast) in Christ Jesus (Galatians 6:14; Jeremiah 9:23–24)
 4. Believers in the gospel put no confidence in the flesh (1 Timothy 1:15)
- C. The false gospel of "enoughness" that we yearn to achieve (Philippians 3:4–6)

- 1. Paul had greater credentials than the advocates of the false gospels (Philippians 3:4)
- 2. Paul thought he was enough because of his pedigree (Philippians 3:5)
- 3. Paul thought he was enough because of his performance (Philippians 3:6; Galatians 1:14)

III. GAINING CHRIST THROUGH THE GOSPEL (PHILIPPIANS 3:7–11)

- A. Christ is truly enough for us and is therefore gain (Philippians 3:7–8)
 1. What seemed like gain is not, but Christ is truly gain (Philippians 3:7–8a)
 2. Knowing Jesus is of such surpassing worth that by comparison everything else is worthless (Philippians 3:8; John 17:3; Jeremiah 9:23–24; Habakkuk 2:14)
- B. Christ is supremely valuable because righteousness comes from him (Philippians 3:9; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
 1. We have no righteousness (enoughness) of our own
 2. Through faith in Jesus, God gives us righteousness
- C. Christ is supremely valuable because it's through him that we become like him (Philippians 3:10; Romans 8:28–29)

PHILIPPIANS 3:1-11

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

2 Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. 3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— 4 though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for 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; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order 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 comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

1. We become like him by knowing him and resurrection power
2. We become like him by sharing in his suffering (Philippians 1:29; Romans 8:16–17)

D. Christ is supremely valuable because it's Jesus who has risen from the dead providing hope of the New Creation (Philippians 3:10; Romans 6:5–11; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15)

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. What does it mean to “rejoice in the Lord”?
2. What is the danger in believing or evangelizing a false gospel? How can we safeguard ourselves against believing or evangelizing a false gospel?
3. In what ways did Paul formerly put his confidence in the flesh? How did Christ satisfy the “enoughness” that Paul was trying to achieve?
4. Why is Christ supremely valuable? What does He give us in the gospel? Is there anyone or anything else that can supply us with what Christ gives us?
5. Are there any ways you have tried to achieve “enoughness” on your own instead of believing that Christ is enough? How does Christ satisfy the “enoughness” you are trying to achieve?