

# BETTER TOGETHER #7

## Philippians 3:10-21

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Sunday a.m.

SLIDE 1 – FEEDBACK TIME – Post on FB Live Stream or text 775-322-3004

SLIDE 2 – BETTER TOGETHER #7– SGN

- 2020 – Compelled by Jesus – Deep love for God, His Word & presence

SLIDE 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> CENTURY PHILIPPI

- **Philippi** – a colony of largely ex-Roman soldiers – **Via Egnatia** –
- Paul writes to the Philippians from Rome/house arrest – Joy is the theme

SLIDE 4 – EVERYTHING IS LOSS \*COMPARED TO CHRIST – 3:7-9

- Dealing w/Judaizers & salvation by circumcision/works – Paul has more WORKS
- Everything I worked for my whole life is worthless compared to knowing Christ
- Knowing Christ Jesus as Lord = everything else is a loss,
  - I consider all my accomplishments in the flesh as garbage (3:7,8 – dung – that which is the natural by-product of the flesh)
- I've lost/laid aside/thrown away ALL of that to GAIN Christ & be FOUND in Him
  - Identity, purpose, standing with & before God in righteousness
    - Not by what I'VE done (law) – but by FAITH in Christ
    - This RIGHTEOUSNESS comes → CHRIST, → God, by FAITH

SLIDE 5 – ROMANS 1:16,17

- **Romans 1:16,17** – *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to EVERYONE who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is REVEALED—a righteousness that is BY FAITH from 1<sup>ST</sup> TO LAST, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith.*

SLIDE 6 – LIVE BY FAITH

- The core message of the gospel – all about FAITH in & BELIEVING into Christ
- "Look what has been done by the One – what is the Gospel Good News?"
  - Our identity, purpose, standing with & before God in righteousness
    - Not by what I'VE done (law/merit) – but by FAITH in Christ
    - This RIGHTEOUSNESS comes → CHRIST, → God, by FAITH
- **GGN** – **John 1:12**...to all who received Him, He gave the right to be called children of God, not by natural occurrence or the will of men, but born of God

SLIDES 7-9 – PHILIPPIANS 3:10-14

SLIDE 10 – TO KNOW CHRIST

- I want to KNOW Christ – & to BE KNOWN by him – personal relationship – EX. Margaret Feinberg @ Foursquare convention; WORK ON THIS
  - In the power of His resurrection, w/participation in His suffering, like Him in His death... DEAD to sin, ALIVE in Christ – **Romans 8:11**
  - So I can somehow ATTAIN (arrive at, to come to a place) the resurrection from the dead
- This can't happen through the works of our flesh – only by grace, through faith
  - To be a disciple & active follower of Christ; walking the Way of Christ

#### SLIDE 11 – PRESS ON & TAKE HOLD

- Not that I've already obtained or arrived at the goal... PROCESS, on the Way
- I *press on* – set forehead like flint, determined to keep going in His direction
- I *take hold* – dog on a bone – I'm taking hold of what God took hold of me
  - For WHAT did God take hold of me?
- Forgetting what is BEHIND, straining toward what is AHEAD
  - I press on toward the goal to WIN the prize for which God called me
  - Direction? Heavenward, in Christ Jesus

#### SLIDES 12-14 – PHILIPPIANS 3:15-21

#### SLIDE 15 – FOLLOW MY EXAMPLE – STAND YOUR GROUND

- This is the mature thought process/view on Christ-following life
  - If you think differently, that's ok – God will make it clear to you
- Let's live up to what we've already attained – no losing ground
- Follow my example & the example of ANYONE who is living well for Christ
  - **1Cor 11:1 – Follow me as I follow Christ** – something for all believers

#### SLIDE 16 – ENEMIES OF THE CROSS

- Any direction that's not headed toward Jesus → enemies of the cross
  - Overt, direct opposition, or passive, self-pursuits → destruction
  - Their god is their stomach – whatever I want/crave/pursue/worship
  - Their glory is their shame – all the things → considered to be dung
    - Look what I've worked towards/accomplished?
    - Consumed with earthly (temporary, passing away) things

#### SLIDE 17 – CITIZENS OF HEAVEN

- Different value system, laws, priorities, lifestyle → NOTW
- Waiting for a Savior from HEAVEN, the Lord Jesus Christ (vs. savior from earth)
- By the power of God – which enables Him to bring all under His control →
  - He will TRANSFORM our lowly (earthly) bodies to be like His

**SLIDE 18 – WE ARE SO MUCH BETTER TOGETHER**

- **John 17 – known by our love for one another**
- Being a people rallied around Jesus & the Gospel Good News
- Partnering w/the on-going work of the Missio Dei
- We need each other; encourage & strengthen each other
- Our examples for each other – encourage one another

**SLIDE 19 – 2020: COMPELLED BY JESUS**

- Theme for 2020 – Compelled, directed (strongly)

**SLIDE 20 – WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THIS?**

**SLIDE 21 – PRAYER IS AVAILABLE – ANNOUNCE THIS**

- Hillside APP – prayer requests – text to church phone or [WEB@Hillside4.org](mailto:WEB@Hillside4.org)
- Make sure “Notifications” are on for both “General” & “Prayer” notifications