

Lesson Outline: Above Everything Else

Philippians 3:1-11

Main Idea:

Jesus is worth more than anything we could achieve, earn, or put on a spiritual resume. Our confidence must rest in Christ alone.

1. Watch Out for False Confidence

Philippians 3:1-3

Paul warns believers to be alert against false teaching that says we must earn our standing with God.

Notes:

Rejoice in the Lord.

Repeated truth helps safeguard our faith.

Salvation is not based on outward religious acts or human effort.

True believers rely on what Christ has done.

Key Truth:

We are made right with God by Christ's work, not our own.

2. An Impressive Resume Is Not Enough

Philippians 3:4-6

Paul had an impressive religious background, but none of it could save him.

Notes:

He had the right heritage.

He was committed to the law.

He was zealous in religion.

He appeared blameless outwardly.

Key Truth:

Church attendance, morality, Bible knowledge, and ministry involvement cannot replace knowing Jesus.

3. Count Everything as Loss Compared to Christ

Philippians 3:7-8

Paul says everything he once valued is worthless compared to knowing Christ.

Notes:

Good things can become obstacles if valued above Jesus.

Knowing Christ became Paul's greatest treasure.

Jesus is worth more than reputation, achievement, or comfort.

Key Truth:

Christ must be treasured above everything else.

4. Righteousness Is Received, Not Earned

Philippians 3:9

Paul no longer depends on his own righteousness. He receives righteousness through faith in Christ.

Notes:

Self-reliance says, “Look what I have done.”

Faith says, “Look what Jesus has done.”

Our standing with God depends on faith in Christ.

Key Truth:

We are made right with God through faith, not performance.

5. Knowing Jesus Includes Power and Suffering

Philippians 3:10-11

Paul wants to know Christ deeply, including both His resurrection power and His sufferings.

Notes:

Resurrection power means sin and death do not have the final word.

Following Jesus may involve sacrifice and hardship.

We remain faithful even when obedience is difficult.

Key Truth:

Knowing Jesus means trusting Him in both good times and hard times.

Big Takeaways:

Stop trusting your spiritual resume.

Treasure Jesus above everything.

Receive grace by faith.

Pursue a transformed life.

Follow Jesus in every season.