

## Sermon Notes: Philippians 3:1-16

*“The conviction behind the book is that ignorance of God—ignorance both of his ways and of the practice of communion with him—lies at the root of much of the Church’s weakness today.”* JI Packer

*“The essence of Christianity is not a creed but a person... not merely believing about Christ, but knowing Christ.”* John Stott

*“The joy of the Lord is a divine armor against the assaults of our spiritual enemies. . . the taste of joy in our mouths makes Satan’s offerings seem bland by comparison.”*  
Matthew Henry

*“It’s not just our sins that keep us from Christ, it is our own righteousness.”* Tim Keller

*“The greatest enemy of the gospel is man’s belief that he can make himself right with God.”* Martyn Lloyd Jones

We can undo the message of grace that we preach through a culture of legalism.

*“The presence of God is the central fact of Christianity but sin dulls our sense of that presence.”* AW Tozer

*“I have often said that one of the most beneficial results of my own suffering has been a greater appreciation of Christ’s presence.”* Jerry Bridges

Don’t settle for the status quo.

Look for those who are more mature than you and imitate them.