

Faith In Christ Alone

Philippians 3:1-8



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hp 3:1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things again is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you. 2 Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision; 3 for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh, 4 although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee;



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6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless. 7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,



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10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.



Examples Worthy of Praise

- Timothy
 - Kindred spirit, genuine, concerned with Christ, proven worth through fire, a servant of servants
- Epaphroditus
 - Brother, worker, soldier, sent one, others concerned, servant of servants close to death

True Circumcision

- Beware of those who are false servants
- The Circumcision: False teaching--requirement
- Worship in the Spirit of God
- The Glory of Christ
- No confidence in the flesh

Paul's Achievements

- No Confidence in his personal resume
- Circumcised on the 8th day
- Nation of Israel, Hebrew parents, Benjamin, Pharisee
- Zealous to persecute the church
- “Legally” blameless
- Pride of upbringing, heritage, works, picture perfect
- Not by accident following two commendations

All Loss in Favor of Christ

- *zemiao*-loss through violence (Acts ship shattered)
- Knowing Christ matters--all else is false currency
- Life lived perfectly and without sin is only in Christ
- Christ is what we need to saved
- All else is rubbish, lit. dung in value and comparison
- “NOT HAVING A RIGHTEOUSNESS OF MY OWN”
- Not through works of Law but through Faith in Christ

All Loss in Favor of Christ

- Know Christ
- Know the power of His resurrection
- Know the fellowship of His suffering
- To be conformed to His death
- So that I might be like Christ in all things

For us Today

- What points of spiritual pride do we hold onto?
- What settles us into spiritual complacency?
- Are we willing to lay everything aside to have Christ?
- Will we give up our pride, laurels, and works?
- Will we accept ALL of Christ, joy and suffering alike?
- To be like Him is to be made like Him in ALL things