Christ’s Righteousness in Me

Lesson 9: Philippians 3
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Themes: mind/think

- 2:2 being of the same mind
- 2:2 intent on one purpose
- 2:5 have this attitude
- 3:15 have this attitude
- 3:15 have a different attitude
- 3:19 who set their minds on earthly things
- 4:2 live in harmony in the Lord
Outline of the Letter

• 1:1-11 Introduction
• 1:12-3:1 Life in Christ
  • 1:12-26 The result of Paul’s suffering for the gospel
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    • 1:27-2:4 Characteristics
    • 2:5-11 The example of Christ
  • 2:12-30 Working out our salvation
    • 2:12-18 Characteristics
    • 2:19-30 The examples of Timothy and Epaphroditus
• 3:1 Rejoice
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• 3:2-4:20  Pressing on in Christ
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    • 3:12-14 Paul’s response to salvation
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The flesh a false hope of salvation
Philippians 3:1-4

1Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things again is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.

2Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision; 3for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh,

4although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more:

• True circumcision
  • Worships in the Spirit of God
  • Glories in Christ Jesus
  • Puts no confidence in the flesh
• True circumcision is not of the flesh
Righteousness from God
true hope of salvation
Philippians 3:5-8

5circumcised the eighth day, of the
nation of Israel, of the tribe of
Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; **as to**
the **Law**, a Pharisee; **6as to** zeal, a
persecutor of the church; **as to** the
righteousness which is in the **Law,**
found blameless.

7But whatever things were **gain** to me,
those things I have **counted** as **loss** for
the sake of Christ. **8More 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,

• Pauls’ boast in the flesh
  • Being
    • Circumcised on the 8th day
    • From Israel
    • From Benjamin
    • A Hebrew of Hebrews
  • “As to”
    • Law – Pharisee
    • Zeal – a persecutor of the church
    • Righteousness – blameless

• The gain of fleshly righteousness is
now loss
Paul’s response to salvation
Philippians 3:9-12

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,
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.

12 Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.
Our response to salvation
Philippians 3:13-16

13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you; 16 however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.

• Having not yet laid hold of
  • Forget what lies behind
  • Reach forward to what lies ahead
• Athletic imagery for the Christian life
Our response to salvation
Philippians 3:17-21

17 Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. 18 For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, 19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things. 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; 21 who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

• We are to follow good Christian examples
• Our citizenship is in heaven
• We expect our Savior to come back from heaven
Summary

• Beware of those who put confidence in the flesh
• We need to count all things loss compared with knowing Christ
• We need the righteousness from God through faith in Christ
• We need to press on to lay hold of that for which Christ laid hold of us
• We are citizens of heaven
• When our Savior returns our humble bodies will be transformed into glorious bodies