TAKING TRUE STOCK OF YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE
Philippians For You - Part 3
Communion Sunday

Today's Scripture

Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh. For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh-- though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.

But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ--the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:2-11 (NIV)

Message Notes

1. **REALIZE YOUR _____ AND _____ _____ DON'T EARN YOU HEAVEN.**

   But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

   Philippians 3:7 (NIV)

   ...circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless. Philippians 3:5-6 (NIV)

   Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5:48 (NIV)

   This, in essence, is the message we heard from Christ and are passing on to you: God is light, pure light; there's not a trace of darkness in him. 1 John 1:5 (MSG)

2. **REALIZE THAT EVERYTHING IS BASICALLY _____ COMPARED TO KNOWING JESUS.**

   What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them <u>rubbish</u>, that I may gain Christ. Philippians 3:8 (NIV)

3. **RECOMMIT TO KNOWING JESUS _____ AND WATCHING HIM _____ YOU.**

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings… Philippians 3:10a (NIV)

Knowing Jesus = Being tethered to Him _____

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11:28-29 (NIV)

Knowing Jesus = Radical _____ no matter what

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.
Genesis 2:22-24 (NIV)

Knowing Jesus = Standing _____ _____ at the end

…becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. Philippians 3:10b-11 (NIV)

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Concluding the Sermon Series:
"Philippians for You"
Read Philippians 4:4-9