

Philippians 3:4b-11

A Transformed Life

⁴... If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: 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 because 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 ⁹and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own which is from [the] Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which [is] from God upon faith, ¹⁰that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

¹¹in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

A Life Before Jesus (vv. 4-6)

A Life Transformed by Jesus (v. 7)

A Life Pursuing Jesus (vv. 8-11)

1. Gain Christ (v. 8b)

2. Found in Christ (v. 9)

3. Know Christ (v. 10)

4. With Christ (v. 11)

Application of Phil 3:7-11

1. Why do people today think they'll go to heaven when they die because of who they are or what they've done (e.g. going to church, doing good deeds, being a 'good person,' some other religious practice)?
 - a. Is this what you base your confidence in?
 - b. Why do you think you will go to heaven?
2. Do you live your life in a way that demonstrates everything is like 'rubbish/dung' compared to knowing Christ?
3. What is distracting you from knowing Christ more?
 - a. Think not just of practical and material things, but what desires in your heart distract you from knowing Christ?
 - b. What is something you can do or a change in attitude so that you grow in your relationship with the Lord?
4. What are some other verses that emphasize we're only justified (made right with God) **through faith** in Jesus (e.g. John 3:16; Rom 3:28; 4:1-8; 5:1; Gal 2:16; Eph 2:1-9)?
5. Do you have the same perspective as Paul that suffering is helpful for us to grow in our relationship with God?
 - a. How will you respond to suffering in light of this passage?
6. Think back to times of suffering in your own life and how God has come close to support you. Then, thank Him for His loving grace, compassion and strength in times of past and ask for His help again in whatever your situation and need is now.
7. Reflect on the reality of your future resurrection (i.e. receiving a new body for eternity)... will you spend eternity in heaven with Jesus?
 - a. If not, turn from your sin to Jesus and trust Him, asking God to forgive your sin through Jesus' death on your behalf.
 - b. If so, rejoice in this hope (see also 1 Cor 15:51-58; Phil 3:20-21; Col 3:4; 1 Thess 4:14-18; 1 John 3:2)

Reading this week: Read Phil 3:1-11 each day this week.

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <i>A</i> <i>T</i> _____ <i>L</i> _____ </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> - A Life B _____ Jesus (vv. 4-6) </div>	<u>Other Bible References:</u> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<u>Chapter</u>	<div style="margin-top: 10px;"> - A L _____ Transformed by J _____ (v. __) </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> - A Life P _____ Jesus (vv. __ - __) </div>	
<u>Verses</u>	<div style="margin-top: 10px;"> 1. G _____ Christ (v. 8b) 2. F _____ in Christ (v. 9) 3. K _____ Christ (v. 10) 4. W _____ Christ (v. 11) </div>	

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Bible	Gain/Loss	Know/Knowing	Paul

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: