**Righteousness Through Faith in Christ - Philippians 3:1-11**

Key Verse: Philippians. 3: 8-9  Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ,

Php 3:9  And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

**God has given us a new life in Christ, Rejoice and Serve the Lord!**

Paul letters warn us about the dangers that we need to watch out for. 3:1-2

Paul reminds to rejoice in the Lord – Your Praise to God in important -

Paul said it is safe/sure or certain for us to rejoice and watch out for evil workers.

Dogs meaning the Judaizers – imposing works of the law as necessary for Salvation.

Deceitful workers they are, concision/ they cut down your celebration in Christ!

1. **The danger of attacking our rejoicing in our Lord Jesus Christ! Phil. 3:1-2**

* What is our rejoicing in Christ?
* We rejoice that Jesus has made the Christian free! Free from the law of sin and death.
* Romans 8:1-2 – “Our Life in the Spirit”
* Rom 8:1  There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
* Rom 8:2  For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

**The Danger of losing our joy in the Lord!**

1. **Our God doesn’t condemned us! When? Now.**

**What does that mean?** It means that now that we are in Christ Jesus by faith and not by works of the law, we are forgiven by God and made innocent/justified by God!

* Look at what God tells the Galatians-
* Gal\_3:8  And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.
* **God’s Old Testament Scriptures –**
* Ezkiel\_36:26  A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.
* God foreseeing all things- God knows and sees all things before they happen- The Omniscient God.
* Revelation\_22:13  I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

1. **God would justify the heathen through faith!**

* **Our justification is by God’s grace –**
* The Apostle Paul tells the church in Ephesus.
* Ephesians 2:8-9  For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
* Eph. 2:9  Not of works, lest any man should boast.

**Our Salvation in Christ isn’t a license to sin but to serve!**

* Charles Spurgeons said “ A person that is really saved by grace does not need to be told that he is under solemn obligaions to serve Chrsit, The new life within him tells him that. Instead of regarding it as a burden, he gladly surrenders himself , boy, soul, spirit, to the Lord!
* Let’s stop and praise God for justifying us from Hell and making us His precious child!

1. Counting all things loss for Christ Jesus our Lord- Phil. 3:3-11

**Not having mine own righteousness!**

1. What is having mine righteousness! – It is when we believe we can become good enough and putting our confidence in our flesh/body!
2. Paul said he had confidence in his flesh/the body – 3:4-6
3. Paul followed the law perfectly –
4. Paul hated the church –
5. Paul said he was blameless -
6. Why do we think we can have our own righteousness? - it is because we want to do something!
7. But learned that the flesh/the body was good enough – Paul needed faith that was good enough.
8. V7 – Paul lost the old way of thinking –
9. V8 – Paul now say Christ Jesus as the excellent thing/person to believe in –

V9 – Paul found real righteousness in Jesus -

**What is righteousness through Christ?**

1. It when I count all things loss for Christ and His New Life!
2. Does this required good works? – No, it requires good faith!
3. What is the difference between good work and good faith?
4. Good works says I will do for me – Good faith says it was done for me –
5. 10-11 - Paul is now challenging us to go deeper into the Love of God for us!

JC Ryle said, “There is no other person commissioned, sealed, and appointed by God the Father to be the Savior of sinners, excepting Christ. The key of life and death are committed to His hand and all who would be saved must go to Him.”