

March 24, 2024

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"How to Have a Happy Easter"

Philippians 3:1-21

1. _____ in God's _____.

"...We Christians glory in what Christ Jesus has done for us and realize that we are helpless to save ourselves." (vs 3 LB)

"...We couldn't carry this off by our own efforts, and we know it!" (vs 3 Message)

But watch out for _____. (vs 2-6)

"...in legalistic righteousness, I was faultless." (vs 6)

"But I no longer count on my own goodness or my ability to obey God's law. Instead I trust Christ to save me! For God's way of making us right with himself is through faith!" (vs 9 NLT)

2. _____ what matters _____.

"All the things that I once thought were so important to me, I now consider worth nothing, because of Christ." (vs 7)

But watch out for _____ culture. (1 John 2:16)

"Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I may have Christ and become one with him." (vs 8-9a NLT)

3. Get to know _____, better.

"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his suffering, becoming like him in his death so that somehow I also may be raised to life." (vs 10-11)

"For my determined purpose is that I may know Christ – that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more strongly and more clearly" (vs 10 Amp)

But watch out for _____,

"Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

4. Review where I need to _____.

"I don't mean to say I am perfect. I still haven't learned all I should, but I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ saved me for and wants me to be. No, dear brothers, I am still not all I should be." (vs 12-13 LB)

But watch out for _____.

"Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it." (2 Corinthians 13:5 Message)

5. _____ what can't be changed, and focus on the _____.

"I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven." (13-14 NLT)

But watch out for _____; _____; _____; and _____.

"Forget the former things and do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing!" (Isaiah 43:18-19a NIV)