

Handout December 13, 2024

Legalism and Pride

Philippians 3:1-16

Welcome Back and here we go! Christmas is upon us and the whole Christian world is preaching Jesus! Ya Ya! But I am still in Philippians. We are still in Philippians. Next week Roy will be bringing our Christmas message, but tonight we will talk about function.

Let's do a quick review.

- a) *Philippians 1:6* – I'm OKAY.
- b) *Philippians 1:12* – What's happened to me should further the Gospel. Who or what am I chained to?
- c) *Philippians 1:21* – To Live is Christ.
- d) *Philippians 2:5* – Have the mind of Christ. Be like-Minded.
- e) *Philippians 2:12* – Work out your own salvation.

II Corinthians 4:6-12 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. ⁸ We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— ¹⁰ always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. ¹¹ For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So then death is working in us, but life in you.

1. Treasure in _____.
2. Diamonds in _____.

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There are two things that will get in the way of our production, besides personal sin.

3. The first is _____.

Who are these *dogs*? Those *evil workers*?

...Anyone who puts rules in front of you that keep you from salvation, or from a productive life.

- Rules are necessary.
- Rules don't save you.
- Rules don't keep you saved.

We are a Grace Church, a Grace Ministry.

Romans 11:6 And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

4. _____ and _____ are mutually exclusive.

Paul spent his entire life learning the rules and following the rules, but it was Christ who set him free.

I may be the worst rule follower in history. But I love God with all my heart and I know that is what He looks at!

Philippians 3:4-6

Paul has every right to be proud of his history and rule follower's ability!

Philippians 3:8

5. Count all things as _____!

Nothing should be more important than your life with Christ.

All those trappings. They are the coal as well. We have cocooned ourselves into those things. Now we gotta get out!

How do we gain Christ?

--- Studying - Fellowshiping - Memorizing - Pressing in - Faith-rest - Occupation with Christ ---

What have you given up?
What are you holding on to?

There are times I just wanna quit..... really. Too much pressure. I am unable to uphold standards that I preach. I slip in Word or Deed. I have personal sin.

Philippians 3:12-14

6. We must _____ on!

I am not there. You are not there. But don't give up!

You're Okay! God's Not Done!

Your shortcomings are your strength.

As we shed the world and gain Christ, we will suffer. When you experience the agony of another's pain, you have entered His Suffering.

He knows our needs, our hurts. He knows what you are going through.

Don't be proud.
Don't give up.

II Corinthians 4:6-12

I love you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!