

Sermon Questions

Philippians 3:1-11

This week we discussed how to focus on our fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Our fellowship with Christ is a relationship that must be nurtured and cultivated. Our walk with Jesus Christ is not some mechanical set of principles to ensure that we will arrive in heaven; instead, it is a relationship that continues to grow if we do not get sidetracked by external or internal challenges. In this passage, God warns us that those outside of the faith, as well as internal pride, can hinder our relationship with the Lord.

Please review the sermon notes below...

Focusing on Your Fellowship with Christ

Philippians 3:1-11

Focusing on your fellowship with Christ involves...

Being alert to a counterfeit gospel. (1-3)

Being careful of fleshly confidence. (4-7)

- **RELIGIOUS RITUALS**
- **PATRIOTISM/NATIONALISM**
- **LINEAGE or HERITAGE**
- **LOYALTY**
- **REPUTATION**
- **RIGOROUS INTENSITY**
- **LEGALISTIC RIGHTEOUSNESS**

Being engaged in your relationship with Christ. (8-11)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week, you can [watch it here](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group, now is a great time to get involved. Please go to our [online Small Group platform](#) to connect with a group that will work for you.

Questions

1. Why should we rejoice in the Lord? What are some reasons that we get sidetracked from rejoicing in Christ? Why is rejoicing in the Lord foundational to our faith?

2. What is the true Gospel? Why was Paul concerned about counterfeits? What is the challenge of adding additional behaviors (circumcision) to the Gospel? Why might we be tempted to think our behaviors have value for saving our soul? What behaviors are you tempted to believe help save you?
3. Why would Paul consider those who held a different gospel to be evil workers? Why would it be evil to teach that additional behaviors are necessary in addition to the cross?
4. If anything gets added to salvation by grace alone in Christ alone, what does that mean about the sufficiency of Christ? Why is the cross enough for salvation?
5. What is the true circumcision? How does Jesus Christ circumcise the heart of His people? What are the responses of those who have truly trusted Christ? (see vs. 3)
6. How much confidence should we place in our flesh? Why?
7. What are some ways that you are personally tempted to place your faith in your flesh? In other words, when you meet Jesus, what personal accomplishments might you consider important for your salvation? If you have a degree of confidence in the flesh, how can you crucify it?
8. What were some ways Paul could have placed confidence in the flesh? Did he? What did he consider his spiritual resume to be in light of the glory of Christ?
9. Does righteousness come through the law or faith? Is the law still good? Can and should I obey the law? How? What is the significance of having Christ living in me? What is the relationship between law and grace?
10. How did Paul want to grow in his relationship with Jesus Christ? What were some specific ways Paul shared that he wanted to grow? Which of these do you desire the most? Which of these scare you the most? Why?
11. If the resurrection from the dead is the goal of our faith, then what distracts you from that focus? What is the result of that distraction?
12. What specific way are you going to grow this week as a result of the message and this study?

What's happening at BRAVE?

- First Tuesday (July 7)
 - Live at Englewood or Online at live.bravechurch.co