“The Right Heart With the Right Attitude”

Mission Bible Study

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Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe. Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification.

Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.

For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh
Philippians 3:1-11 (CONTINUED)

4 Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:

5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;

6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.
7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

8 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,

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:
That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.
LESSON # 1: Our Confidence Should Be In Christ – That Is How Salvation Is Obtained

❖ Philippians 3:1-3

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▪ Believers’ actions are result of faith, not a prerequisite to it
▪ Salvation only can be obtained through Jesus Christ
LESSON # 2: God Values the Attitude Of Our Heart and Not Tradition

❖ Philippians 3:2-3

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- Individuals’ credentials do not earn them salvation
- God awards your work accordingly by the attitude of your heart
LESSON # 3: A TRUE Relationship With Christ Should Outweigh Personal Values

❖ Philippians 3:8-9

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4 Ways In Knowing Christ

1. Study the life of Christ in the Gospels to see how He lived and responded to others (Matthew 11:29)

2. Study references on Christ in the New Testament (Colossians 1:15 – 2:15)

3. Allow the Holy Spirit remind you of Christ’s Words as you pray (John 14:26)

4. Take part in Christ’s missions to teach the Gospel to others and learn from His sufferings (Matthew 28:19; Philippians 3:10)