



Righteous in Christ

Philippians 3:1-9
Week Five

Introduction: The natural gravity of the flesh causes us to trust in self for our sense of worth, approval and acceptance. The Christian gospel teaches that no flesh can boast before the holy and righteous God who gives us life. In this Scripture Paul demonstrates how he measured his gains and losses.

1. Discerning between Counterfeit and Authentic Faith (3:1 - 4)

- Worship by the Spirit of God
- Glory in Christ Jesus
- Put no confidence in the flesh

2. Deciding not to Trust in Carnal Confidence (3:5 - 6)

- Inherited Worth (who you are)
- Attained Worth (what you have done)

3. Determining the True Worth of your Gains and Losses (3:7 - 9)

- What's to be lost?
- What's to be gained?

Questions for Reflection:

1. How does counterfeit Christian faith get expressed today? Give some examples.
2. How are you inclined to put confidence in the flesh?
3. How do you identify with Paul in vs. 8? How can we turn this verse into a prayer for each other?



Personal Study Notes

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Exhortation to Avoid False Teachers

Apostolic Safeguard (3:1)

True Circumcision (3:2-6)

Decrying the False (3:2)

Describing the True (3:3-6)

True Values (3:7-11)

Evaluation of Paul's Former Life (3:7-8)

Aspiration of the New Life (3:9-11)

Questions or Insights for Discussion:

- 1)
- 2)

