



NO TREASURE LIKE JESUS

A SERIOUS WARNING

PHIIPPIANS 3:2-6

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1. Beware _____ (v.2)

Philippians 3:2-6 (ESV)

2 Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. 3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— 4 though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

2. See _____ (v.3)

3. Trust _____ (v.4-6)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read Philippians 3:2.** Why do you think Paul's warning here is so urgent and repetitive? While the gospel may seem "basic", why is it important for Christians to come back to these truths and watch out closely for teachings that contradict the gospel? (Hint: remember Philippians 3:1!)
- 2. Read Colossians 2:16-17.** As you think through some of the ceremonies and practices of the Old Testament that are not required of believers, what are some of the ways these things point to Christ? How should this motivate us to continue to read/study the Old Testament?
3. What are some of the ways people in our culture are tempted to trust their spiritual resumé? While some of these things may be good things, why are these things insufficient for a confidence of eternal salvation (see Romans 3:19-20)?
- 4. Read Colossians 4:3-4.** As you think through your own evangelism, how can you grow in making the gospel clear - avoiding both the errors of "easy believism" on the one hand or inadvertently teaching some form of works righteousness on the other?
- 5. Read Romans 8:33-34.** While good works are a crucial demonstration of our faith (see James 2:18-20), what problems can arise when we look to our works as our first source of assurance as opposed to looking to the God who justifies us and the Savior who intercedes for us?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Gilbert, Greg. *What is the Gospel?* Crossway, 2010.

Schreiner, Tom and Shawn Martin, ed. *Believer's Baptism: Sign of the New Covenant.* B&H Publishing, 2006.

Winger, Mike. "I've Been Looking Into the Hebrew Roots

Movement." YouTube video. <https://youtu.be/QR7xTYhXEbo>. 2019.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that our church would always remain faithful to the gospel according to the Bible.

Pray that we would be filled with confidence in Jesus, not our works.

Pray that we would be bold in proclaiming the gospel.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

Pray for good health, good weather, and working equipment as John Sanborn wraps up his time serving in Uganda.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
12/12	Daniel 4-6	Revelation 5
12/13	Daniel 7-9	Revelation 6
12/14	Daniel 10-12	Revelation 7
12/15	Ezra 1-2	Revelation 8
12/16	Ezra 3-6; Psalm 137	Revelation 9
12/17	Haggai 1-2	Revelation 10