



NO TREASURE LIKE JESUS
A SERIOUS WARNING, PT 2
PHILIPPIANS 3:2-6

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - December 18, 2022

1. Beware any addition of works or ceremony to the gospel (v.2)

2. See Christ as a gurney, not as a crutch (v.3)

3. Trust _____ (v.4-6)

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.

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Review these questions from last week's unfinished sermon.

1. 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)?
2. **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?
3. **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?

Consider this question from this week's expanded message.

4. How should the uniqueness of biblical Christianity as a religion based on God's unmerited grace impact your evangelism? How should this reality impact your worship?

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.

Beeke, Joel. "The Puritans on Assurance." Sermon from Puritan Conference. <https://youtu.be/Los1ocQ9sLU>, 2022.

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.

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.

Prayer that Jesus would be honored in our celebration of Christmas this next weekend!

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
12/19	Zechariah 1-5	Revelation 11
12/20	Zechariah 6-9	Revelation 12
12/21	Zechariah 10-14	Revelation 13
12/22	Esther 1-4	Revelation 14
12/23	Esther 5-10	Revelation 15
12/24	Ezra 7-10	Revelation 16