

Message: Set Free By Confronting The Brutal Facts

Scripture: Philippians 3:4-11

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1. Brutal Fact #1: Our Best Credentials Don't Justify. Phil. 3:4-7

Philippians 3:4

⁴ *although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more:*

1) Family Background vs 5

Philippians 3:5

⁵ *circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee;*

2) Religious Effort vs 6a

Philippians 3:6a

^{6a} *as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; ...*

3) Moral Goodness vs 6b

Philippians 3:6b

^{6b} *... as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.*

John 14:6

⁶ *Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.*

Acts 4:12

¹² *"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."*

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ *For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;*

⁹ *not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

Philippians 3:7

⁷ *But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.*

2. Brutal Fact #2: The Best Of Things Don't Satisfy. Phil. 3:8

Philippians 3:8

⁸ *More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,*

3. Brutal Fact #3: Christ Alone Can Both Justify And Satisfy. Phil. 3:9-11

Philippians 3:9-11

⁹ *and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,*

¹⁰ *that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;*

¹¹ *in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.*

Colossians 2:13

¹³ *When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,*

1) Jesus Justified Paul vs 9

Philippians 3:9

⁹ *and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,*

2 Corinthians 5:21

²¹ *He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

2) Jesus Satisfied Paul vs 10-11

Philippians 3:10-11

¹⁰ *that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;*

¹¹ *in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.*

- (1) By giving him a relationship with Christ.
- (2) By allowing him to experience the power of Jesus' resurrection.
- (3) By allowing him to share in the fellowship of Jesus' suffering.
- (4) By allowing him to conquer his sin.
- (5) By allowing him to experience eternal life.