

BREAKING OUT OF LEGALISM – PART VI
“Paul’s Liberation From Legalism”
Philippians 3:4-11

When Paul became a believer in Christ he went through a transformation that involved being set free from all the legalistic traditions that he held so close to his heart. In today’s passage, he reveals his breakthrough thinking about his liberation from legalism, the result of which enabled him to go deeper in his relationship with Christ.

#1. SAUL THE PHARISEE WAS PROUD OF HIS SPIRITUAL HERITAGE, vv. 4-6

- A. Paul was circumcised on the 8th day
- B. Paul is an Israelite from the tribe of Benjamin
- C. Paul is a Hebrew of Hebrews
- D. Paul is a Pharisee regarding the law
- E. Paul persecuted the church in his over zealousness
- F. Paul was faultless regarding legalistic righteousness

APPLICATION POINT

- ♣ We must not regard our spiritual heritage as spiritual _____

#2. PAUL THE CHRISTIAN VALUES JESUS MORE THAN HIS SPIRITUAL HERITAGE, vv. 7-8

- A. Paul’s past gains are loss for Christ
- B. Paul’s past gains are loss – it’s better to know Christ
- C. Paul lost all things for Christ – his spiritual trophies
- D. Paul considers his past accomplishments garbage (*skubalon*)

APPLICATION POINT

- ♣ Any religious system that _____ Christ is *skubalon*

#3. PAUL’S BREAKTHROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, v. 9

- A. Paul renounces self-righteousness from the law
- B. Paul is found “in Christ” – imputed righteousness
- C. Righteousness through faith in Christ – God’s gift
- D. Righteousness in Christ is independent of works

APPLICATION POINT

- ♣ Misunderstanding righteousness is the greatest obstacle that _____ people from believing in Jesus

#4. PAUL’S BREAKTHROUGH SPIRITUAL AMBITION, vv. 10-11

- A. I want to know Christ – in the power of his resurrection
- B. I want to know Christ – in fellowship with his sufferings
- C. I want know Christ – in conformity to his death
- D. I want to know Christ – the resurrection of the body

APPLICATION POINTS

- ♣ Placing ourselves under man-made rules (legalism) _____ our relationship with Christ
- ♣ Placing ourselves under man-made rules (legalism) is a form of spiritual _____
- ♣ Placing ourselves under the authority of God’s _____ gives us freedom to know Christ more deeply

ANSWERS: Trophies, Bypasses, Prevents, Diminishes, Slavery, Word.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. Discuss the background of this passage
- #2. What dangers can be present when believers get fixated on their spiritual heritage?
- #3. What things in your spiritual heritage may be an impediment to your growth in Christ.
- #4. What are some ways in which Christians today are divided over their spiritual heritage?
- #5. Why does Paul consider his spiritual trophies loss after becoming a Christian?
- #6. Why does Paul consider his past spiritual accomplishments garbage (*skubalon*)?
- #7. Describe Paul's breakthrough understanding of righteousness.
- #8. What does Paul mean by knowing Christ in the power of his resurrection?
- #9. What does Paul mean by knowing the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings?
- #10. What does Paul mean by being conformed to his death and attaining to the resurrection?
- #11. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

Welcome to Hillcrest Church

Love God, Love Each Other!

*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be
burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*

Galatians 5:1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SATURDAY - SPRING CLEANING / WORK DAY

April 2, Saturday at 9am – noon. Stop in and help clean up the church. A list of work to be done is at the back of the sanctuary. Coffee, donuts and lunch will be served.

JOIN US FOR OUR ONLINE GATHERINGS

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm

Go to the online meeting room on our website (hillcrestRoseville.com) to access the gathering.

YOGA FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Is cancelled until further notice

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com).

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 10th

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 15th

Join us for our Good Friday Reflections at 6pm.

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 17th

Celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Invite a friend to join in the celebration. Activities available for the kids. Stay for the potluck after the service and enjoy good food and fellowship.

EAST INDIAN DINNER - APRIL 30th 5:30

The annual dinner is our fund-raising event for missions. We raise money for pastor Charles in Uganda and the Great Commission Fund, which supports missionaries in the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

MISSIONS GIVING 2021

Total - \$18,234

East Indian Dinner 2021

\$8,244

\$4,122 - Uganda School

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Total Giving

\$5,522 – Uganda School

\$12,712 – Great Commission Fund

Total

\$18,234

CHURCH IN THE PARK JUNE 5th

Worship in Garbolino park followed by a picnic

CHURCH PICNIC AUGUST 14th

Location to be determined