

***Sermon Scripture Passage: Philippians 3:1-11***

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

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. 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

**Scripture References:**

**Psalm 90:9-10**

9 For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

**Ecclesiastes 3:11** – He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

**John 17:3** – And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

**Galatians 5:5-6** – 5 For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

**John 4:23-24** – But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

**Romans 8:11** – If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

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Philippians #6 – Philippians 3:1-11 – To Attain Immortality

We are mortal: Genesis 3:19 – From dust we came to dust we shall \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 90:9 – Our years come to an end with a \_\_\_\_\_

Ecclesiastes 3:11 – He has set \_\_\_\_\_ in our hearts.

In what ways do people seek “immortality”?

John 17:3 - The only path to eternal life is to know the one \_\_\_\_\_ by God, Jesus Christ.

Philippians 3:1-11 - We cannot attain eternal life through human \_\_\_\_\_

3:1 Paul is reiterating the basic gospel message as a \_\_\_\_\_ for the church

3:2-3 Who does Paul tell them to watch out for? And what does he mean?

What does it mean to: *“Put no confidence in the flesh.”*

3:4-6 – How did Paul seek to attain eternal life through his own effort?

3:7-9 – When we gain Christ, what else is included?

3:10-11 – Knowing Christ is not just an intellectual \_\_\_\_\_ but a life-changing relationship.

Romans 8:11 – How do we know we too will be raised from the dead?

I Corinthians 15:52 – When will we be raised from the dead?

Answers for the blanks:

- Return
- Sigh
- Eternity
- Sent
- Effort
- Safeguard
- Belief
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