**Sermon Series:**

**HOW TO ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR LIFE**

*(a verse-by-verse study of Philippians)*

***Jesus Plus Anything Ruins Everything!*** *(Pt 2)*

**Philippians 3:1-11**

Remember,there are ***2*** things that we need to understand if we’re going to get our arms around the meaning of these verses**:**

The Main ***Point*** That Lies at The Heart of This Passage

The Main ***Problem*** That is Addressed in This Passage

In answer to the question of ***How can a sinful man be made right with a holy God?*** - Paul presents ***2*** ***options:***

**I. Option # 1 - Our** *(vv 4-6)*

On the basis of his resumé, Paul was confidentthat God would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with him and would allow him to enter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. *(****Ephesians 2:8-9; Isaiah 64:6)***

While Paul may have been impressed with his resumé, \_\_\_\_ wasn’t!

***“...circumcised on the eighth day...”***

According to **Leviticus 12:3**, Jewish parents were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to circumcise their sons on the eighth day following their birth.

Paul wasn’t a Gentile who became a Jew later in life and was circumcised as an adult, he was a \_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_ Jewish thoroughbred.

***“...of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin...”***

This was a big deal because the tribe of Benjamin was a very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tribe.

Of all of the tribes of Israel, the tribe of Benjamin and Judah were the only ones who remained \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_ to God.

***“a Hebrew of Hebrews”***

This was Paul’s way of saying that he was a \_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jew through and through!

And as such, he was one of God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people, one of His favored ones.

***“...as to the law, a Pharisee...”***

The Pharisees were the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sect in all of Judaism.

Thebottom line is that you couldn’t beat the rigorous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their lives when it came to following God’s law.

***“...as to zeal, a persecutor of the church...”***

Before Paul came to Christ, he was passionate about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ anyone that was a Christian. ***(***[***Acts 8:3***](https://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/bible.show/sVerseID/27180/eVerseID/27180)***; [9:1-2](https://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/bible.show/sVerseID/27218/eVerseID/27219" \t "_blank); 26:9-11;*** [***I Corinthians 15:9***](https://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/bible.show/sVerseID/28728/eVerseID/28728)***)***

***“...as to righteousness under the law, blameless...”***

Paul didn’t say that he was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he claimed that he was ***“blameless.”***

***The bottom line is that Paul was filled with raging !***

But then Paul met Jesus and everything \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! ***(vv 7-8)***

After his conversion, there was only one word on Paul’s new resumé - andit was the name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion:**

***If Paul’s resumé was*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****, that means yours is too!***

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