**Sermon Series:**

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

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

***Jesus Plus Anything Ruins Everything!*** *(Pt 1)*

**Philippians 3:1-11**

Aswebegin our study of this critically important passage, there are ***2*** things that we need to understand**:**

**I. The Main That Lies At The Heart Of This Passage *(****vv 1-11)*

Inthis passage, Paul addresses a question that has haunted the minds of people since the beginning of time**:** ***How can a*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***man be made right with a*** *\_\_\_\_\_* ***God?***

The holiness of God refersto His absolute \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ perfection and purity.

The fact is that God hates sin, and the reason why He hates it is because sin is the very antithesis of His holy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

**Psalm 5:4-7; Habakkuk 1:13; Romans 1:18; Ezekiel 18:20; Isaiah 59:2; James 2:10**

The bottom line is that sin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us from God. And the requirement that must be met in order for us to be made right with God is absolute \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

In order to be made right with God there are the only ***2 options*:** It’s either ***Our*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or it’s ***Christ’s*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**II. The Main That Is Addressed In This Passage** *(vv 1-3)*

The Greek word that is translated*"****finally”***is better translated “furthermore” or “\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_.”

Paul desperately wanted to protect the Philippians from a group of people who wanted to corrupt their faith by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the truth about Jesus Christ and the Gospel!

The group that Paul was trying to protect the Philippians from was a group of people that were known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

At the heart of Paul’s concern about these evil men was the spiritual cancer of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Attempting to be made right with Godon the basis of good works is a \_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ road, and everyone who follows that road will end up \_\_\_\_\_\_ at the end of it! ***(Proverbs 14:12)***

In the ancient world, ***‘dogs’*** were vicious, disease-ridden, starving scavengers that ran in packs, and they frequently \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people.

The bottom line is that legalism \_\_\_\_\_, it is the exact opposite of the wonderful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that is afforded us in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Bible, an ***“evildoer”*** is someone who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God's law with no regard whatsoever for the death and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that they are causing.

Paul said that they ***“mutilate the flesh” -*** this was a reference to the **O.T.** Jewish custom of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

When you get right down to it, these religious legalists told people that they could \_\_\_\_\_\_ their way to Heaven. ***(Ephesians 2:8-9)***

***Remember, Jesus plus anything ruins everything!***

How can a sinful man be made right with a holy God? Next week, in the second part of this message we’ll take a closer look at the ***2* *options*** that Paul mentions**:**

1. ***Our*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vv 4-6)* ***2) Christ’s*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**(vv 7-11)*

**Conclusion:**

***Everybody is trusting in something in order to get to Heaven,***

***the question is, what are*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***trusting in?***

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