

Sunday 27th September 2020

Call to worship

Psalm 117 NLT

Prayer

Songs: Hosanna (Praise is rising) I'm gonna clap my hands

Notices

Kid's talk, prayer and Kid's leave - Coralee

More Notices

Song: Awake my soul

'Knowing Jesus and Making Him known'

Sermon

'Righteousness through faith in Christ'

Philippians 3v1- 11p958 New Living Translation

Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters,¹ [a](#) rejoice in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your faith.

² Watch out for those dogs, those people who do evil, those mutilators who say you

must be circumcised to be saved. ³ For we who worship by the Spirit of God^l [b](#) are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort, ⁴ though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more!

⁵ I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. ⁶ I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault.

⁷ I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. ⁸ Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ ⁹ and

become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ.^l ¶ For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, ¹¹ so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

Comparing What is worthless v What is of Infinite value

What is Worthless v3-5

Outward ritual (circumcision) Genealogy Ethnicity

(In this passage Paul is not claiming perfection, but obedience to the law, so he sacrificed for his sin as opposed to being without sin).

Q: What are the kinds of dangers we face when we become focused on 'works'? (Pride, glory to man not God)

What is of Infinite Value v8&9

Knowing Christ v8 – All other ways of 'earning' or possessing righteousness are worthless.

Three Truths That Set Us Free v3

We worship by the Spirit of God

We are those who worship by Spirit and Truth John 4v24

We are the ones who are truly circumcised, Jew and Gentile alike.

We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us v9

We put no confidence in human effort v7

**'I become righteous through faith in Christ
For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith'
V9**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

Amen.

Songs: Great are you Lord / Cornerstone

Blessing

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
2 Corinthians 13v14