

## LIVING BY FAITH

Philippians 3.1-11 Part 2

### WE DON'T NEED NO STINKING BADGES

Paul makes it clear that anything outwardly done, specifically here he mentions circumcision, is not what makes one righteous. It is not anything outward that makes a person a true believer. But it is our default to run to moralism and self-righteousness.

Romans 2.28, 29 // Deuteronomy 10.15, 16, 30.6

The bible says that real salvation comes from God circumcising our hearts. It is inward, not outward. The problem for us with that is that circumcising our hearts is impossible!

### SALVATION BY GOOD WORKS

Legalism is when we *functionally* believe that salvation is actually by works, and is kept by works. We may not say that or believe it deep down, but we think and act with that in our mind. This is what keeps the legalist aiming to do their best. And in many ways, it is a correct belief. Salvation has *always* been by works, going back to the Garden. This is why self-righteousness as a means for salvation is actually bad news. We are unable to rightly achieve salvation. Therefore we need a Savior to put our faith in.

John 6.35-37 // 2 Corinthians 5.21

### WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST, LIVING BY FAITH

**Justified** is not just simply saying we are forgiven.

- It's like saying it's "just as if I'd" never done it, as well as...
- "Just as if I'd" always obeyed.

**Satan says: Look at your sin.  
God says: Look at my Son**

This means that your identity, 100%, is not in yourself. Your righteousness, your acceptance, your worthiness comes through faith in Christ by being found in Him. Others may expect more from you, you may expect more from yourself, but when God your Father looks upon your life, He sees His Son.

Ephesians 2.11-22 // Galatians 2.20, 21, 6.14, 15

Together, we all, from the far reaching missionaries to the struggling new believers, are called children, we all have the same access by the same Spirit, and we are all joined together and are growing and being built together.

So when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares that you deserve death and hell, tell him this: "I admit that I deserve death and hell, what of it? For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where He is there I shall be also! - **Martin Luther**

## NOTES:

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

**James 1:12**

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

### Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

### GIVING

**Gospel-centered generosity** is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give) or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

### KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at [katie@lifemission.tv](mailto:katie@lifemission.tv)

### JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at [casey@lifemission.tv](mailto:casey@lifemission.tv).



## VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

## MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

## STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, is there anyone who can recite the week's memory verse?

Read **Philippians 3:1-11**. What impacted you the most from this Scripture or from Sunday's message? \_\_\_\_\_

We continue the notion of outer works being like badges of merit and accomplishment, and how circumcision was one of the main "badges" that Jews would point to. Read **Romans 2.28, 29**, and **Galatians 6.14, 15**. What are the ramifications of these texts? How does this affect the way we look at our own outer good works? \_\_\_\_\_

On Sunday, Jobey mentioned that salvation is truly still "by works." In your own words, how is this still true, even though the Word clearly teaches that salvation is "by grace, through faith"? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Romans 3.9-12**. So what then does Paul say about the Jews' (and Gentiles') pursuit of earning salvation through self-righteousness? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Galatians 2.20, 21**. These verses hold the solution to the "salvation by works" problem. In your own words, what does it mean to live your life by faith in the Son of God? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe your faith? Use as many adjectives or descriptive words you would like. Some might say strong, weak, faltering, mature, difficult, solid, growing, awful, vibrant, disciplined, messy, empty, abundant, invigorating or heavy. You might think of phrases or words like condemnation, judgment, failure, hard hearted, fearful, confused, emotional, or inconsistent. \_\_\_\_\_

What are some evidences of God's grace you've seen in your life? In other words, changes or growth you've recently had? What are struggles and sin you have recently faced? \_\_\_\_\_

Regardless of what you wrote, you can count all of it (even the good things) as rubbish. None of it counts as far as your acceptance and legitimacy is concerned. Have people break off in smaller groups to pray for each other. Pray for each others' identity in Christ to grow, and for their ability to trade their rubbish for the Bread of Life.



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Who are Saved, Equipped, and Sent by the Gospel.**



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