



Sermon Questions

February 22nd, 2026 | Scripture: Philippians 3:1-11 – Joyful Confidence

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. Write down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.

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- 2.
- 3.

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these passages that trace the theme of joyful confidence throughout the scriptures:

- Genesis 15:1-6
- Psalm 32:1-11
- Habakkuk 2:1-5
- Luke 18:9-30
- Romans 3:9-4:8
- Galatians 2:15-3:14

Core Questions

1. Why are Paul’s strongest words reserved for people in the church who misplaced their confidence? How does that give us pause for where to look out for temptation today?
2. Why does Paul say that it is not the Judaizers, but those who put their confidence in Christ who are righteous before God here in verse 3?
3. Circumcision was just one practice that the Judaizers were putting their confidence in. What practices in the church today can we use to make us think we are more righteous before God?
4. How are our spiritual credentials and resume’s actually loss when it comes to being righteous before God? Why then should we count them as rubbish in comparison to Christ?
5. What does it mean to be “found in Christ” in verse 9, and how does that secure for us a greater confidence than pointing to our own self-righteousness?

Scripture Memory Challenge:

During this sermon series, our challenge to you and your CG is to memorize **Philippians 2:5-11**. This is the heart of the entire letter that will equip us to live with resilient joy.

Inward Grace in Action

1. How does the gospel free us to live with a humble confidence because of the approval we have in Christ?
2. How does the gospel change the heart behind knowing Christ?

Outward Grace in Action

1. What would your family, friend group, or community group look like, sound like, and feel like if it began to boast not in our own achievements, but in Christ’s alone?

Serve: As was shared about during Sunday worship, we partner with two church planters in Germany through City-to-City Dach. One of those church planters, Thony Fisher, will be joining us at our upcoming missions conference in March. Please take time to pray for Thony and the ongoing work of the Spirit in Dortmund and Magdeburg as we prepare to learn and be encouraged by his ministry in the days ahead!

Look Ahead: Next week we will continue in our sermon series (Resilient Joy) on the book of Philippians. The scripture passage will be Philippians 3:12-21 where we will see how the Apostle Paul shows us how to live with joyful hope.

For Families: Ideas of how to keep the conversation going at home, in the car, or around the dinner table:

1. **A - Ask about the message:** Ask your children about what accomplishment, trophy, or accolade they like the most and why.
2. **S – Share your thoughts:** Explain that God shows us that although our accomplishments are significant, they are not the reason that God loves and accepts us. If we trust in Jesus, God accepts us based on his accomplishments and not our own. This doesn’t mean we should not work hard in life; it means that we don’t have to prove ourselves to God because we already are approved of in Jesus.
3. **K – Keep it going:** Ask children to think about where they don’t feel good enough in life. Then pray together that God would give them a special sense of his love for them – giving them strength to face especially those difficult areas of life with confidence.