

Where does RIGHTEOUSNESS Come From? ~ Philippians 3:1-6

→ Scripture Reading Phil. 3:1-4

INTRODUCTION

→ Martin Luther - pilgrimage to Rome - stairs on his knees

Put NO Confidence in your own Efforts ~ Philippians 3:1-6

¹ Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. ² Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh.

...severely disfigured the GOSPEL message by trying to SUPPLEMENT Jesus's sacrifice on the cross. FSB

The FURY of Paul's response in these verses was fueled by his thankfulness for his own deliverance from this system. ESV

³ For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh - ⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.

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 are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort... (NLT)

Acts 15:1 (HCS) Some men came down from Judea and began to teach the brothers: "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom prescribed by Moses, you cannot be saved!"

⁵ ...some of the BELIEVERS from the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to command them to keep the law of Moses!" (HCS)

⁸ And God, who knows the heart, TESTIFIED to them by giving the Holy Spirit, just as He also did to us. ⁹ He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts BY FAITH. (HCS)

¹¹ ...we BELIEVE we are SAVED through the GRACE of the Lord Jesus in the same way they are. (HCS)

IMPLICATION

² Watch out for those DOGS, those men who DO EVIL, those MUTILATORS of the flesh. ³ For it is WE who are the Circumcision, WE who WORSHIP by the Spirit of God, who GLORY in Christ Jesus, and who put NO CONFIDENCE in the flesh...

→ We Christians are the ones who WORSHIP God by the Spirit of God

³ For we who worship by the Spirit of God are the ones who are truly circumcised... (NLT)

Colossians 3:17 (NIV) And whatever you DO, whether in WORD or DEED, do it ALL in the NAME of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

→We Christians are the ones who GLORY or Exult in Christ Jesus

³ ...WE who WORSHIP by the Spirit of God, who GLORY in Christ Jesus..

Romans 11:33-36 (NIV) Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out! ³⁴ Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor? ³⁵ Who has ever given to God, that God should repay Him? ³⁶ For from Him and through Him and to Him are ALL things. **To Him be the glory forever! Amen.**

→We Christians are the ones who put NO CONFIDENCE in human Efforts

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Where does our RIGHTEOUSNESS come from? Romans 3:20-24 (NIV)

➤ NOT from Obeying O.T. LAW

²⁰ ...NO ONE will be declared righteous in His sight BY Observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

➤ Righteousness FROM God APPART from Law

²¹ But now a righteousness FROM God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

➤ Righteousness FROM God Through FAITH in Jesus

²² This righteousness from God comes through FAITH in Jesus Christ to ALL who Believe...

➤ NOT from US - we ALL Fall Far Short of God's STANDARDS

²³ for ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

➤ by God's Grace He JUSTIFIES us and makes us Righteous

²⁴ and are JUSTIFIED freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus

TAKE AWAY ??

1 Peter 1:18-19 (HCS) For you know that you were REDEEMED from your empty way of life inherited from the fathers, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the **precious BLOOD of Christ**, like that of a **LAMB without defect or blemish**.