

Having Confidence in Christ Alone

Philippians 3:1-9

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Main Point:

Only Jesus Christ can make you acceptable to God; therefore, put your confidence in Him alone and rejoice in His work on your behalf.

1. You need to beware of teaching that adds requirements to the gospel of grace.

2. You also need to beware of putting confidence in yourself for salvation.

3. Because only Jesus Christ can make a sinner acceptable to the holy God.

4. Put your confidence in Christ alone and rejoice in His work on your behalf.

Cross-References and Quotations

Galatians 2:16 ¹⁶ Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. (ESV)

Frank Thielman “Anyone who adds requirements to the pure gospel of God’s grace, in Paul’s view, rejects the gospel in its entirety. Such a gospel, as the apostle says elsewhere, is ‘a different gospel – which is really no gospel at all’ ...”

Frank Thielman “When God [converted] him, Paul saw them for what they were – fleshly and therefore fallible human efforts, tainted with sin and therefore unable to receive God’s approval.”

John Calvin “Paul, therefore, divested himself – not of works, but of that mistaken confidence in works, with which he had been puffed up.”