

Resurrection Sunday Lesson 13

Letting Go and Grabbing Hold

Day 1 Read Philippians 3:1-11 Letting Go

1. What things were considered “**gain**” to Paul in verses 5 and 6? _____

2. What would be some contemporary parallels to these “**self-righteous**” credentials? _____

3. Paul says he was blameless “**according to the Law**”, and yet he was not without sin. What was the purpose of the Law? Explain (Gal 3:24) _____

4. We understand that our own good works cannot save, but Paul takes it to another level in verse 8. Nothing compares to “**gaining Christ**”. What were some things you used to count as gain, that now are “**rubbish**” in comparison? _____

Day 2 Read Philippians 3:7-11 Grabbing Hold

1. Verse 8 states that “**I have suffered the loss of all things and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ.**” Explain how the illustration of “**letting go and grabbing hold**” describes one’s conversion? _____

2. Paul let go of his own self-righteousness. What did you let go of when you repented and placed your faith in Christ? _____

3. How is “**coming to Christ**” often described incorrectly in modern day evangelicalism? What important parts are often left out? _____

4. Describe how you might pastor someone who only had an intellectual ascent about

salvation, *having never let go in repentance and grabbed hold in faith*. What would you tell them? _____

Day 3 Read Philippians 3:7-11 Justification

1. Justification is what we typically mean when we say someone *“got saved”*. It is a legal term that means *“declared righteous”*. Write in your own words what happens to us in justification. (Rom 4:21-31, 8:1, Eph 2:8-9) _____
2. In what way does this make Christianity different than all other world religions? _____

Day 4 Read Philippians 3:7-11 Sanctification

1. Sanctification can be described as *“you are being saved”*. It is the process whereby the Holy Spirit progressively shapes us into the image of His Son. In what ways does He do this? (v. 10) _____
2. Rewrite verse 10 in your own words describing what sanctification looks like in your daily life. _____
3. If we accept God’s sovereignty in justification and in glorification, why is it difficult to accept it in sanctification? (Phil 1:6) _____

Day 5 Read Philippians 3:7-11 Glorification

1. What is glorification? Find a verse to describe this final step of our salvation. How is this different than your previous understanding of our final estate? _____
2. How does understanding these three tenses of salvation help you do a better job in presenting the gospel message to the lost? _____

