

The Power of the Resurrection Philippians 3:8-14 Study

Easter April 4th, 2021

What sports have you competed in? Which ones pushed you to the point of exhaustion?

Read Philippians 3:8-14

Why did Paul view his former accomplishments as "rubbish"? (What things are you hesitant to lose or count as rubbish for the sake of Christ? Why? How might this relate to putting confidence in the flesh? How do you see yourself putting confidence in your achievements?)

Paul says the ultimate purpose of being righteous is so that he can know Christ and the power of his resurrection. What does he mean by these things?

What is the resurrection of the dead?

What longings did Paul admit to the Philippians? What hope did Paul express?

What was Paul's testimony? In what ways did Paul's spiritual life resemble the discipline of a runner?

What was Paul's view of the past? What was Paul's goal? How did Paul call the Philippians to share his view? What did Paul hope for the believers who disagreed with him?

Some people argue that if you are assured eternal life there is no more motivation to persevere in a life of serving Christ. Yet here Paul indicates that his motivation to persevere is just because "Christ Jesus has made me his own". How does this work? Why might the assurance that Paul belongs to Christ motivate him to "strain forward" toward heaven?

Why might Paul consider it a mark of maturity to recognize your own imperfection?

How have you seen placing confidence in self rather than Christ affect your joy in Christ, perseverance in Christ, or your relationship with him?

How does the righteousness that is from God achieve what you are trying to achieve by your own efforts?

How might your life look differently if you were to believe by faith that Christ's righteousness was enough for you in each moment of life?

Next Steps

Memorize Philippians 3:10-11

Join a Small Group starting this month

Review the Soul Training exercises covered in the last several weeks