

Sunday, April 5 At Home Church

A time to be thankful – in the midst of a bizarre time, let's not forget to be thankful. Take a few minutes to share what you're thankful for right now.

A reminder of our background questions that help us better understand the rest of the book.

- Who wrote Philippians? (Paul & Timothy)
- Who did he write it to? (The Christians in Philippi)
- Where was he when he wrote Philippians? (Prison or in house arrest)

Read Philippians 3 and as you read it, think of one word that sticks out to you.

What word stuck out to you as you read Philippians 3?

Now let's dive a little deeper into our chapter.

Like last week, I will share a few things and questions that stuck out to me from Philippians 3 but please don't get stuck on just these questions. If other thoughts and questions stick out to you, discuss those as well. The goal is simply for us to learn from God's Word this morning and grow together, even while apart.

A Note For Understanding: These dogs in verse 2, were teachers who were insisting that circumcision was a requirement for salvation. In essence, watch out for those who add to Jesus, who take away from the sufficiency of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

- Look at verses 3-11. What are some of the things Paul mentions that he could put confidence in?
 - What are some fleshly things in your life that you could put confidence in instead of Jesus? (for example, one for me would be I grew up in the church)
 - Paul says he wants to know Christ, not know about Him. What do you think it means to really know Christ?

- Vs 13-14 – what does Paul say to forget and what does Paul say to press on or strain towards?
 - What can it do to us if we are constantly looking behind us? (Think about a runner who constantly looks back during a race)
 - What does it look like to live with the end in mind?

- Vs 20-21 – Paul tells us as Christians that our citizenship is in heaven.
 - What are the benefits/privileges/responsibilities of being a citizen?
 - This really brings to question our identity. Who are we really? As followers of Jesus, we are citizens of heaven. Turn to 1 Peter 2:9-10. What is our identity according to 1 Peter 2:9-10?

- *Your identity is HUGE! Who you say you are drastically affects your life. If your identity is in your work, that will affect you. If your identity is in your bank account, that affects every decision you make. You are not an employee, you are not a republican, you are not a democrat, you are not a basketball player, you are not a failure, you are not a mom, a dad, etc., you are a child of God. That identity should direct who you are and everything you do. If your identity is “I’m a softball player,” for example, then that identity directs your schedule, your money, your energy, your family, your everything. However, your identity is not in your sports, your political party, your job, your economic status, your past, etc. You are a citizen of Heaven, a child of God! And that identity ought to overrule every other aspect of our life and should be the guide of each of the other areas of our life.*
 Interact with each other a little bit on the above statement.

Close your time in prayer

CHALLENGE: Text or call at least 2 people (go for as many you want) this afternoon sometime and share with them one thing that you learned from Philippians 3 today. If you have social media, consider putting what you learned on there, as well. ***If you haven’t already, remember to check out the video devo from Pastor Dave on our website www.madridefc.org under the Philippians tab.***

Made Alive

I once was dead in sin alone and hopeless
A child of wrath I walked condemned in darkness
But Your mercy brought new life and in Your love and
kindness
Raised me up with Christ and made me righteous

Chorus:

You have bought me back with the riches of
Your amazing grace and relentless love
I'm made alive forever with You, life forever
By Your grace I'm saved, by Your grace I'm saved

Lord, You are the light that broke the darkness
You satisfy my soul when I am heartless
If ever I forget my true identity
Show me who I am and help me to believe
(Repeat Chorus)

My sin has been erased, I'll never be the same
My sin has been erased, I'll never be the same
Repeat Chorus (x2):

More Than Conquerors

When my hope and strength is gone
You're the One who calls me on
You are the life, You are the fight that's in my soul

Oh, Your resurrection power
Burns like fire in my heart.
When waters rise, I lift my eyes up to Your throne.

Chorus

*We are more than conquerors, through Christ
You have overcome this world, this life
We will not bow to sin or to shame
We are defiant in Your name
You are the fire that cannot be tamed
You are the power in our veins
Our Lord, our God, our Conqueror*

I will sing into the night, Christ is risen and on high.
Greater is He living in me than in the world.

No surrender, no retreat, We are free and we're redeemed
We will declare over despair You are the hope

Chorus

Nothing is impossible
Every chain is breakable
With You, we are victorious
You are stronger than our hearts
You are greater than the dark
With You, we are victorious
Nothing is impossible
Every chain is breakable
With You, we are victorious

Chorus

Stronger

There is Love that came for us
Humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness
You rose again victorious

Faithfulness none can deny
Through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free
Jesus Christ who lives in me

Chorus

*You are stronger
You are stronger
Sin is broken
You have saved me
It is written
Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all.*

No beginning and no end
You're my hope and my defense
You came to seek and save the lost
You paid it all upon the cross
Chorus

Bridge

So let Your Name be lifted higher
Be lifted higher
Be lifted higher
(repeat 3 times)
Chorus

Jesus Paid it All

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in
all."

Chorus:

*Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.
(repeat chorus)

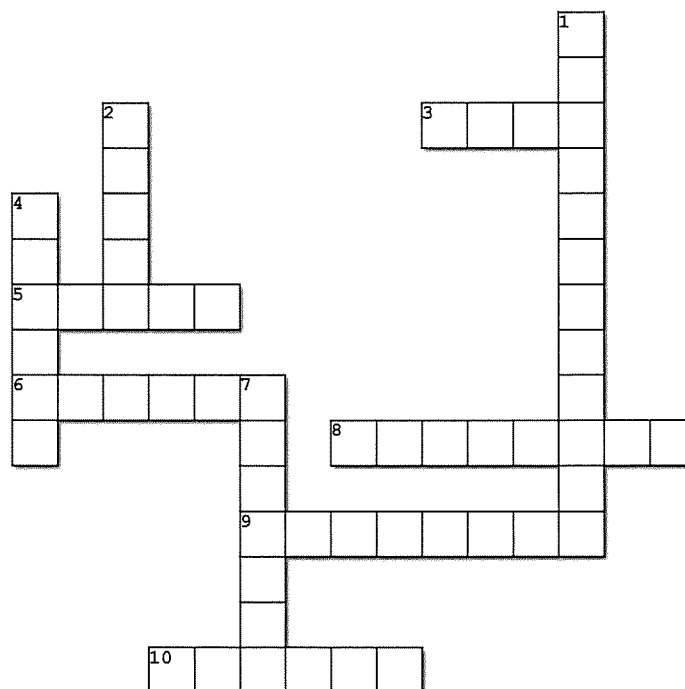
And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.
(repeat chorus)

Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.
He washed it white as snow. He washed it white as snow.

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt,
And raised this life up from the dead.
Oh, praise the One Who paid my debt,
And raised this life up from the dead, Jesus
(Repeat)
(Repeat Chorus)

Name: _____

Complete the crossword puzzle below



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Across

3. Who we are encouraged to watch out for _____
 5. Straining toward what is _____
 6. The holiday we celebrate very soon _____
 8. our _____ is in Christ
 9. Paul's tribe _____
 10. Forgetting what is _____

Down

1. I want to know Christ and the power of His _____
 2. the chapter we are studying today _____
 4. Our citizenship is in _____
 7. Whatever was to Paul's profit, he now considers it _____ compared to Christ

I PRESS ON
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PHILIPPIANS 3:14