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Sermon

Committed to Jesus Christ!

Philippians 3: 7 - 14

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Song/Prayer: Amazing Grace

Those of you that have your Holy Bibles or Holy Scriptures turn with me to the New Testament to Philippians 3: 7 – 14.

Read Philippians 3: 7 – 14 in its entirety.

Sermon topic for today is “Committed to Jesus Christ.”

I. Introduction

Paul says, for us to be careful of considering past achievements so important that it gets in the way of your relationship with Jesus Christ. You see, we should grow in Jesus Christ to become mature in Jesus Christ, that we understand that there is nothing more important than our relationship with Jesus Christ our Savior. Your credentials, credits, and successes are nice, but you should not put them before your relationship with Jesus Christ.

II. Body

A. What are you Willing to Count but loss for Christ (Philippians 3: 7)?

- 1) Are you willing to count loss all things that you have gained loss for Jesus Christ, that your relationship with HIM is the important thing in your life?
- 2) Would you commit everything to serving Jesus Christ as your personal LORD and Savior.
- 3) Are your planned career, your moneymaking, and your social life unimportant to you for Jesus Christ’s sake?
- 4) Tell me what really has priority in your life? Are you Committed to Jesus Christ?

B. Now, what are you unwilling to count loss for Christ (Philippians 3: 8).

- 1) Paul says, “Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my LORD:” So, are you unwilling to count all things loss or just some things loss for Christ Jesus.
- 2) You see, just because you give up some things, it is not measured by that which you surrender to Christ Jesus but by that which you withhold.
- 3) So, it is also true, when it comes to your dedication and commitment to Christ Jesus.
- 4) Do understand that what you hold back from Christ Jesus measures your commitment.

C. When was the last time you measure your Growth in Christ (Philippians 3: 12)?

- 1) Well, look how Paul said it, “Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also, I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.” Paul is not speaking of salvation, but of Christians growth. Paul said that his goal was to know Jesus Christ, to be like

minded with Jesus Christ and to be all Jesus Christ had in mind for him. Do not let anything take your eyes off your goal of knowing Jesus Christ.

- 2) Paul had attained many things; converts were converted, and churches were started under Paul ministry. But he was not satisfied; he wanted to be closer to Jesus Christ. You might have attained richest of the land, high people may know your names, yet you still felt that something is missing. Commit to Jesus Christ and be made whole inside and outside; for Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of all our needs.
- 3) Where there ever a better day in a Christians life, when we surrender our lives completely to Jesus Christ.

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D. Do not harbor grudges that hinder your service with Jesus Christ.

- 1) Paul says, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before." Now, we all have done things for which we are ashamed, and we live in the tension of what we have been and what we want to be. You asked God to forgive you for your past sins, and HE has, so, stop bring up that which GOD have forgotten. Those old barriers between believers must come down.
- 2) You see, the Holy Spirit is saddening or grieved when you do not forgive one another. Ephesians 4:30 says, "And grieve not the holy Spirit of GOD, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." You see, we can forgive and forget because Jesus Christ forgave and forgot our sins and cast them in the sea of forgetfulness.

Jesus Christ taken our sins and barrier them on HIS SHOULDER to a hill called Calvary. Soldiers nailed Jesus's hands and feet to a wooden cross and lifted the cross up high for all to see. But they had no ideal what they were doing; for I can hear the words of Jesus Christ saying, "If I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me." The Romans soldiers took Jesus Christ down off the Cross and laid HIM in Joseph's tomb, where he laid for two days, and three nights, taking away your condemnation and my condemnation for believing in and on Jesus Christ as the SON of The Living GOD.

Committed to Jesus Christ! Because Jesus Christ was committed to GOD the Father Now, early, early, on the third day morning GOD the Father raised Jesus Christ up from the dead and gave unto HIM all power in heaven and on earth in HIS hands, and unto us who believe in and on Jesus Christ as the SON of The Living GOD, GOD the Father gives unto us eternal life, so, that where Jesus Christ is there we maybe also.

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I surrender all that I am to Jesus Christ's way and purpose, for it is Jesus Christ who sustains me and who saved me from my sin of unbelief. I am completely sold out to JESUS CHRIST. All to Jesus, I surrender, All to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live. All to Jesus, I surrender, humbly at His feet I bow; worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now.

I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

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