



Philippians 3:1 (NIV) Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. ²Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh. ³For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless. ⁷But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

- Do you think you will make it to heaven because you consider yourself to be a pretty good person?
- Do you think that you will gain eternal life because you go to church?
- Did you grow up under graceless, legalistic teaching?
- Were you raised in a home where the focus was on behaving well to the neglect of the attitude of your heart?
- Are you raising your own children that way?
- Do you constantly compare yourself with others in order to feel good about how religious you are?
- Do you tend to measure how close you are to God by how consistent you are in doing spiritual activities?
- Do you find it difficult or even unappealing to open up your heart to God and worship Him with abandon?

JESUS IS BETTER THAN RELIGION!

- 1. If you are a true Christian, watch out for those who want to drag you back under the yoke of Religion vv.1-3**

Jesus + Nothing = Everything

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PROFIT	LOSS

- 2. If you were raised to be Religious, consider the merits of trading in your Religion for a deeply-satisfying Relationship with Jesus Christ vv.4-11**

MINDSHIFT: *Jesus is waaaaaaaaaaaay better than anything else! I want HIM waaaaaaaaaaaay more than anything else!*

BIBLE READING PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Titus 1
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