

Sunday April 30, 2023

## Sermon Outline

- B. His Confidence Level Was Higher Than Most, v-4b
- C. He Reveals What His Confidence Would Have Been, v-5-6
  - 1. Circumcised on the eight day, v-5a
  - 2. Of the Nation of Israel (Isaac), v-5b
  - 3. Tribe of Benjamin, v-5c
  - 4. A Hebrew of Hebrews, v-5d
  - 5. Relationship to the Law, --A Pharisee, v-5e
  - 6. As to his zeal -Persecutor of the Church, v-6
  - 7. As to the Law's righteousness -blameless, v-6b

### III. PAUL REALIZED THAT THE TRUE PRIZE OF SALVATION AND LIFE WAS CHRIST, v-7-9

- A. He Was The Appointed Creator, John 1:1-3; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:1, 2
- B. He Was The Appointed Redeemer, 1 Pet. 1:18-20
- C. Paul Realized That All His Supposed Religious Gain Was Nothing Before God, v-7; Cf. Isa. 64:6
- D. Paul Also Counted everything Loss For The Surpassing Value Of Knowing Christ Personally, v-8; John 1:12

- E. Paul Understood That Saving Righteousness Comes From God Through Faith In Christ, v-9; Gal. 2:16
- F. God Wants Us To Know Christ And The Power Of His Resurrection, v-10a
- G. God Wants Us To Accept Our Suffering For The Sake Of Christ, v-10b; Phil. 1:29; Jn. 16:33
- H. God Wants Us To Look Forward To Our Resurrection (The Rapture), v-11

### IV. GOD WANTS BELIEVERS TO PURSUE CHRIST LIKENESS, v-12-14

- A. We Are To Keep Pursuing Christian Growth In Christ, v-12; Cf. Jn. 17:17
- B. We Are To Forget The Past And Keep Pressing Spiritually Forward, v-13
- C. We Are To Press On Toward God's Prize, v-14