Manifesto to Joy | Philippians pt. 28 Tim Armstrong

Sermon Outline February 21, 2016

A Critical Contrast Between the Religious and the Righteous

Philippians 3:1-3

Almost Christian Discovered by Matthew Mead (1661)

"A man may have much knowledge about Christ and yet be but almost a Christian. A man may have a great and eminent gift, yet be but almost a Christian." He means by that a speaking gift, a leadership gift.

"A man may have a high profession of religion. He may be much in external duties of goodness and yet be but almost a Christian. A man may go far in opposing his own sin and yet be but almost a Christian. A man may hate sin and yet be but almost a Christian. A man may make great vows and promises, strong purposes and resolutions against his sin and yet be but almost a Christian. A man may maintain a strife and a combat against sin and yet be but almost a Christian.

"A man may be a member of the church and yet be but almost a Christian. A man may have great hopes of heaven and yet be but almost a Christian. A man may under visible changes, altered life and yet be but almost a Christian. A man may be very zealous in matters of religion and yet be but almost a Christian. A man may even suffer for Christ's sake and yet be but almost a Christian. A man may outwardly obey the commandments and yet be but almost a Christian. A man may perform external worship yet be but almost a Christian. And a man may have faith and yet be but almost a Christian."

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And we glory in Christ. We must always keep in view the antithesis. "We have to do with the reality, while they rest in the symbols: we have to do with the substance."

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Outline

- A. Three characteristics of the religious who have a false faith
- B. Three characteristics of the righteous who have a true faith

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| 1. E | Characteristics of the Religious with False Faith Dogs ~ without character Evil-Doers ~ misleading others Mutilators of the flesh ~ demanding circumcision | |

Worship (λατρεύω latreúō) "To serve, to minister, to worship"

John 4:19-24 ESV "They command that God should be worshipped with outward observances, and because they observe the ceremonies of the law, they boast on false grounds that they are the people of God; but we are the truly circumcised, who worship God in spirit and in truth." John Calvin (Paraphase of John 4:23) #2 The Christ-follower _____ (vs. 3b) Glory (καυχάομαι kaucháomai) "Boast" "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 1:31 "For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." 1 Corinthians 2:2 #3 The Christ-follower ______(vs. 3c) Glory (καυχάομαι kaucháomai) "Boast" What are the implications of these passages to my life?