

Rejoice Righteous Runner

Phil. 3:1-4:1 (p. 1140) || Aug. 26th

Intro:

Rejoice (3:1-6)

- ***Rejoice that you do not have to trust your own _____ to save your soul. (3:1-6)***
 - What are some of your own “credentials” that you have trusted in?
 - A Christian is not a Christian because of what she/he wears, eats, or does, but because of who her/his hope is in.

Righteous (3:7-11)

- ***Your righteousness is not found in yourself but is found in _____, through faith.***
 - Matthew 13:44-46 (p. 947)
 - When we are found in Christ we desire to know Him and the power of his resurrection, we share His sufferings, die to ourselves, and attain resurrection. (v. 9-11)

Runner (3:12-4:1)

- ***You must _____ in the race of life toward the goal of the completion found in the presence of Christ.***
 - Paul was running a race. What was done was done. He could not look back to the good ole days for it would slow him down.

Application Questions:

- Are you still holding on to your good deeds/credentials rather than holding on to Christ?
- Is your life characterized by “running” for the sake of Christ, or are you “sitting” in the stands critiquing the running technique of others?
- What does it mean to “run” or to “press on” each day with the people you are around?

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No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His Death and resurrection***

***Why should I gain from his reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom***