

MEMORY VERSE: ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14 NIV

LESSON AIM: To understand the importance of knowing and identifying with Christ.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY OUTLINE

BACKGROUND

1. How did Paul attempt to encourage the Philippian Christians? Why did Paul feel this was necessary? Philippians 3:1
2. Who were the Judaizers? Use a Bible Dictionary. Acts 15:1-2
3. How did Paul characterize the Judaizers? Philippians 3:2
 - v. 2a _____
 - v. 2b _____
 - v. 2c _____
4. According to Philippians 3:3 who are the true "circumcision"?
 - v. 3b _____
 - v. 3c _____
 - v. 3d _____
5. Even though Paul no longer boasted in his Jewish pedigree, what did he want his critics such as the Judaizers to know about him? Philippians 3:4-5
 - v. 5a _____
 - v. 5b _____
 - v. 5c _____
 - v. 5d _____
 - v. 5ef _____
 - v. 6a _____
 - v. 6b _____
6. What did Paul's formerly misdirected zeal lead him to do? Philippians 3:6a
7. What would Paul later express about being zealous in the wrong way? Galatians 4:17-18
8. Paul expressed in Philippians 3:6 that his righteousness used to be based on the law. After Paul was converted to Christianity what did he base his righteousness and salvation on? Galatians 3:11-12; Ephesians 2:8-10

9. Define "righteousness". Use a Bible Dictionary.

I. VALUING CHRIST (PHILIPPIANS 3:7-9)

10. After Paul became a Christian how did he consider his new life versus his old life? Philippians 3:7

11. What do you think Paul had in mind as his former gain (assets) but now he looks at as loss (liabilities)? Philippians 3:3-6

12. Why did Paul regard his former accomplishments as loss and rubbish? Philippians 3:8a, 8c, 9a

v. 8a _____

vv. 8c, 9a _____

13. For whose sake did Paul suffer the loss of all things? Philippians 3:8b

14. What did Paul find out was not true righteousness? Philippians 3:9b

15. How does one receive true righteousness? Philippians 3:9cd (Romans 3:21-22)

v. 9c _____

v. 9d _____

II. KNOWING CHRIST: PHILIPPIANS 3:10-11

16. What should be our ultimate goal in life? Philippians 3:10a

17. What is the difference between knowing Christ and knowing about Christ?

18. What two things mentioned in Philippians 3:10 will help us to know Christ on a more intimate and personal level?

v. 10b _____

v. 10c _____

19. How must we become like Christ? Philippians 3:10d

20. What is promised to those who get to know Christ and identifies with Him? Philippians 3:11

III. MATURING IN CHRIST: PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14

21. What did Paul clearly admit he had not attained on his Christian journey? Philippians 3:12ab, 13ab

22. What was Paul faithfully pursuing on his Christian journey? Philippians 3:12c, 13cd

23. What did Paul have to do to press ahead? Philippians 3:13b

24. What prize should every Christian seek as Paul did? Philippians 3:14

25. Paul was seeking perfection (a perfect relationship with Jesus Christ) though he had not attained it. Why should we seek perfection? Matthew 5:48

26. How and when will believers receive total perfection (maturity in Christ)? Colossians 1:22; 1 John 3:2