

Sermon Quotes
October 26th, 2008

Philippians 3:1-11 Trusting Christ Only and Treasuring Christ Supremely

A survey of 7,000 Protestant youth from many denominations asked whether they agreed with the following statements: **“The way to be accepted by God is to try sincerely to live a good life.”** More than 60 percent agreed. **“God is satisfied if a person lives the best life he can.”** Almost 70 percent agreed.

(Reported by Paul Brand & Philip Yancey, *Fearfully & Wonderfully Made* [Zondervan], p. 108.)

Acts 4:12

“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Proposition Statement:

God requires that we **trust Jesus only** and calls us to **treasure Jesus supremely**

Main Points:

- 1) Trusting Jesus Only [Vs 4-7]
- 2) Treasuring Jesus Supremely [Vs 8-11]

“The word Paul used for “Pharisee” is an Aramaic word meaning ‘separated one’, perhaps so described because of his separation from all that might convey ethical or ceremonial impurity. The Pharisees tried, by obedience to the law, to represent the pure community, the true people of God preparing itself for the coming of the Messiah. ...being a Pharisee he [Paul] not only bound himself to the Law of Moses but also to the hundreds of other commandments contained in the oral law...which the Pharisees regarded as equally binding. ”

-P.T. O'Brien