

Growth Group Questions – 5/9/2021 – Jack Kapinga

1) How do you feel about the question, “Are you completely sure of your salvation?” Does it make you feel uncomfortable or uncertain? Do you long for greater assurance?

Read Philippians 3:1-11.

2) In the sermon it was explained that the people Paul was criticising in verse 2 and contrasting himself and the Philippians to in verse 3 were the Judaizers. These were Jews in the church who were teaching that for Gentiles to be saved they needed to obey the Levitical laws and males needed to be circumcised.

Why do you think Paul spoke so strongly against them in verse 2? If circumcision was commanded by God, why did he call them ‘mutilators of the flesh’?

3) The implication of verses 3-4 is that the Judaizers were putting their confidence in the flesh, that is they were relying on themselves, on who they are or what they’ve done or what they’re part of in order to be saved from their sin and made right with God.

What are some examples of how people in the world today put their confidence in the flesh? What is the enormous tragedy of this?

4) How have you been tempted to put your confidence in the flesh?

5) In verses 4-6 Paul provides an impressive list of his own credentials showing why he has more reasons to put confidence in the flesh than anyone else. What does he say about his own credentials in verses 7-8? Why does he come to this conclusion?

6) Where does Paul tell us we should put our confidence in verses 7-11? Why can we have greater assurance if we trust in Christ than if we trust in ourselves? How do we put our confidence in Christ and what are the ultimate benefits of doing so?

7) Are you completely sure of your salvation? Why or why not? How can such assurance lead to Deeper Joy (v1)?