

Scripture: Ten Commandments (Deut. 5) & Galatians 1:11-24
Singing: 227:1-3 – 140:1 – 134:1-3 – 391:1-4 – 134:1

Let Us Study Philippians (23)

There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing;
there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches. Prov 13:7

A. To examine is both duty and wisdom (2 Cor. 13:5; Ps. 19:11-13; Jer. 17:9)

THE IDENTITY OF A GENUINE CHRISTIAN

- I. He worships God II. He glories in Jesus
III. He zeroes himself

I. THE GENUINE CHRISTIAN WORSHIPS GOD IN THE SPIRIT

A. Paul's strong assertion: *we are the circumcision i.e., the true Israel*

1. Why use this 'word' to describe a true Christian?

B. A Christian is person who *worships God in the spirit*

1. A Christian is not the only person who *worships*: Acts 17:22-23; 1 Thess. 1:9

2. A Christian is a person *who worships God in 'spirit and in truth' (John 4:24)*

a. the 'heart' is what matters most: Ezek. 33:31-32

b. how is this worship expressed? 2 Cor. 9:15; Heb. 13:15; Rom. 12:1-2

C. A Christian who has God as his delight, has also a great sorrow: Matt. 5:4

D. A person who worships God in the spirit is a work of the Spirit: John 3:6, 8

II. THE GENUINE CHRISTIAN GLORIES IN JESUS CHRIST

A. A Christian glories in Christ Jesus as fruit of God's work: John 6:45

1. The Spirit main ministry: *to glorify Jesus in our hearts* (John 16:14)

a. He goes all kinds of different ways as He finds His people different

b. but He brings us God's children together in their glorying in Christ

B. What is it to 'glory in Christ Jesus?'

1. To glory is to 'boast' about Him (John 3:30; Gal. 6:14)

2. To glory in Christ Jesus is to find your satisfaction in Him: Phil. 2:8-10

C. Does your heart glory as well as rejoice in Jesus Christ?

III. THE GENUINE CHRISTIAN ZEROES HIMSELF

A. A true Christians has no confidence in the flesh

1. Flesh has a simple meaning: *anything out of Jesus Christ ALONE*

a. flesh may have very different manifestations and yet the same

2. Flesh fails to secure us from God's wrath and save us from God's justice

B. What does it mean to 'have no confidence in the flesh?'

1. It means that I do not place my trust in anything other than Jesus Christ

a. Paul shared what he used to rely upon: vs. 4-6

C. What happens when we are saved by Jesus?

1. We learn to keep score in new way (vs. 7)

2. We learn to place our confidence for salvation in Him ALONE (vs. 9)

3. We learn we need Him more and more (vs. 10)