

Outline

1. Toxic faith is a shadow of true faith filled with legalism and judgment.
2. True faith becomes toxic when you add anything to what Jesus did thinking it will make you more acceptable to God.
3. Trusting in what you do for God is a rejection of what Jesus did for you.
4. As long as you try to prove your worth to God you will always be either proud or ashamed.
5. True faith comes by believing in what Jesus did for you, not what you do for him.
6. Paul chose a relationship with Jesus over religion for Jesus.

Going Deeper: Use the following questions for personal reflection and/or to discuss with your family, friends or small group.

1. How did Remy define toxic faith?
2. Have you experienced, seen or promoted toxic faith? Explain.
3. Who were the Judaizers? How did Paul refer to them? See Philippians 3:2.
4. Read these verses to better understand Paul's thoughts on the Judaizers: Galatians 3:1-5, 4:9-11, 5:2-5 and Philippians 3:18-19
5. Paul implied that the Judaizers are not true believers, turning their accusation back on them. Why weren't they true believers?
6. Read Philippians 3:3-12. What was the big revelation that Paul came to understand about being righteous in God's eyes?
7. Read Romans 3:20-24 and Ephesians 2:8-9 to better understand Paul's mindset.
8. If you struggle with feeling accepted by God, do these verses help you in any way? Or, put another way, how might this truth help to restore your joy?
9. If you have toxic faith influences in your life, how can you eliminate them or at least limit them (if they are in your household)?