



Opening prayer

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, even as You have committed the care and nurture of children to Your people, graciously enlighten those who are committed to your instruction that we may know Your eternal truth and trust in You all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Read Philippians 3:15-16

15 Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. 16 Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

Watch the video

Follow this [link](#) or search for 'Grappling with Philippians 3' from the youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/Wolfmueller1>

Review and Discussion Questions

1. What does Paul mean when he writes: be "thus minded" or to "think this way"?

2. What does it mean as Christians to have the righteousness of faith, and not of works?

3. What doctrinal revelation is the work of God?

4. What is the specific doctrine upon which the church stands or falls?

5. Discuss how Paul's statement that God will "reveal that also to you" ties in with Luther's explanation of the third article of the creed in the small catechism: "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel"?

6. Do these verses contain law, gospel, or both?
