

2020-2021 BSP#5 Group Time Discussion

(A) 為查考和認識的題目 Questions for Studying and Understanding (15 minutes)

- a. Read 3:2. Who are “the dogs” that St. Paul is asking the Philippian church to beware of? Based on this passage and other passages in the Bible (eg. Mark 7:27-28, 1 Samuel 17:43), what does it mean when first-century Jews call somebody a “dog”? Pick all applicable choices from below:
- 閱讀 3：2。聖保祿要求斐理伯教會提防的“狗”是誰？根據這段經文和聖經中的其他經文（例如馬爾谷福音 7：27-28，撒慕爾記上 17:43），當第一世紀的猶太人稱某人為“狗”時，這意味著什麼？從下面選擇所有適用的選擇：
1. It shows respect and affection. 表示尊重和喜愛。
 2. It’s a condescending term. 這是一個貶損的名詞。
 3. It’s usually used to refer to Gentiles 通常是用來指外邦人的術語
 4. None of the above. 以上都不是。
- b. Read 3:8-9. When does Paul envision this being “found” in Christ to occur? Choose the right answer(s) below and explain why:
- 閱讀 3:8-9。保祿預料自己在什麼時候能「結合於」基督？在下面選擇正確的答案，並說明原因：
1. When one registers for RCIA. 當一個人登記參加 RCIA 時。
 2. At baptism. 領洗時。
 3. After baptism. 領洗後。
 4. In heaven. 在天堂時。
 5. None of the above. 以上都不是。

(B) 為反思和應用的題目。Reflection and application question (10 minutes)

We read in 3:5-6 Paul’s “blameless” Hebrew heritage and credentials. Let each one of us ponder our own credentials and ask: At the end of the day, do I place my sense of worth in my heritage and accomplishments? Or can I join Paul to consider whatever gains we had as “a loss because of Christ” (3:7), acknowledging him as the One in whom we have become children of God? If you honestly are unable to do that (i.e. consider all accomplishments as “a loss because of Christ”), compare how you’re doing now with 5 years or 10 years ago. How much more successful are you in this regard than in the past? What does this honest self-assessment tell you about your spiritual growth over the years?

我們在 3:5-6 讀到保祿「無瑕可指」的希伯來傳承和資歷。讓我們每個人都思考一下自己的資歷，然後問：最終來說，我是否將自己的價值放在我的傳承和成就中？還是我可以和保祿一樣認為我們所獲得的任何成就，「如今為了基督，都看作是損失」（3：7），並承認他是我們成為天主子女的那一位？如果你坦誠地說你未做得到（即將所有成就都視為損失），試將您現在所做到的與 5 年或 10 年前的情況相比較。比起過去，您在這方面進步了多少？這些誠懇的自我評估，為您多年來的屬靈成長告訴你甚麼？