

MOMENTUM BUILDERS

DIGGING INTO THE HEART OF THE MESSAGE.

"EXCHANGING RESUMES"

TRIP LEE

Rapper Trip Lee challenges us to form our identity inside of Jesus' work instead of our own. While we can be tempted to boast of our great accomplishments, they are nothing compared to Jesus'. Are you ready to exchange resumes?

MESSAGE OPENER: DYING IN THE OCEAN OF GRACE

Dr. Gerstner, "Christ has done everything necessary for his [sinner's] salvation. Nothing now stands between the sinner and God but the sinner's good works. Nothing can keep him from Christ but his delusion that he has good works of his own that can satisfy God. If men will only be convinced that they have no righteousness that is not filthy rags; all they need is need! All they must have is nothing. All that is required is an acknowledgment of guilt. But, alas, sinners cannot part with their imaginary virtues. So grace becomes unreal. Fixed on a mirage they will not drink real water. They died of thirst in the midst of an ocean of grace."

(Text Illustration shared by Johnny Palmer, Calvary Baptist Church December 2011) <http://www.sermoncentral.com/illustrations/sermon-illustration-johnny-palmer-quotes-grace-80570.asp>

READ: Philippians 3:1-9

WATCH: Trip Lee —Momentum 2014. 43 Minutes. <http://onmissioninsights.com/ExchangingResumes>

KEY POINTS:

Your Resume. Who you are and what you have done is not enough to "achieve" heaven. When you stand before the God of the universe, what good is your personal resume going to do for you? Nothing. Your resume falls short, but Jesus will give you His.

Eyes Open. It's okay to acknowledge your achievements, but do you push these things to the side to point to Jesus? We think highly of our accomplishments, even church ones (Bible study, youth group, mission trips, etc.) But Jesus does not want to be added to the side of your life, he want to **be** your life.

Receiving Christ's resume. Trip shared a story about his Credit Card not working and his pride kept him from letting his friend cover the cost. Do we do the same with Jesus? The only righteousness worth anything is that which comes from Jesus.

CLOSING CHALLENGES:

The Exchange What items on your "resume" keep you back from Jesus because you are trusting in the "good" in your ledger? Have you counted all things as loss compared Jesus?

Take Account. Think of the thing in your life that you are most proud of – ask yourself, what good will that thing do you if you don't have eternal life. What does that accomplishment have in eternity?

Jesus's Resume. Trip shared his life philosophy "*I wasn't created for me, I was created for Jesus.*" He then shared two questions he asks himself continuously in order to keep his perspective in order. Take a moment to ask yourself these same challenging questions. 1.) *How does Jesus apply to every area of my life?* 2.) *How can I do everything in my life for His Glory.*