

Philippians 3:1-11

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. ² Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³ For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. (ESV)

- 3:9—to be _____ in him
- 3:10—to _____ him
- 3:10—to share his _____
- 3:11—to attain the _____ from the dead

The Joy Through Glorying in Jesus



Paul starts the chapter with a conclusion, when he writes: “finally”.

- He reminds the church to rejoice in the Lord (1)
- At the same time he warns them about dangers (2)

Which reminds us that we can rejoice even when things are not right or perfect

A. Three Qualities of those in the Lord (3)

1. We worship by the Spirit: _____ look
2. We glory in Christ: _____ behavior
3. We put no confidence in the flesh: _____ attitude

- Paul’s background was faithful, blameless and zealous—yet he was not saved

- Our goodness is _____ good enough
- Our lives are _____ with sin
- Joy is found in the Lord

1. Building congregations, changing lives, impacting a community, and even our hope of Heaven is not in us, but the _____ (1 Cor 3:6)
2. Discipleship begins by _____ self (Lk 9:23)

“_____” (3:7)

- There was _____ in those things (family tree, pedigree, education, peers, past track record, reputation, etc.)
- But not near the gain of _____ Christ (Heb 11:24-26)
- What would be worth having if it came at the expense of knowing Jesus?

“For what does it profit a man to gain the whole _____ and forfeit his _____?” (Mark 8:34-37)

What does it mean to “gain” Christ?