

LEARNING JOY IN

Philippians

EVERY SEASON

"This is the central problem of our age: all too often, we who are Christians, including those who know something of good theology, is that we tend to do the Lord's work in the power of the flesh instead of in the power of the Spirit".

FRANCIS SCHAEFFER

PHILIPPIANS 3:1-11 ESV

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.

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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.

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"The enjoyment of God...is the only happiness with which our souls can be satisfied. To fully enjoy God is infinitely better than the most pleasant accommodations here: better than fathers and mothers, husbands, wives, or children, or the company of any or all earthly friends. These are but shadows; but God is the substance. These are but scattered beams; but God is the sun. These are but streams; but God is the fountain. These are but drops; but God is the ocean."

JONATHAN EDWARDS

"cast up into moment-by-moment communion, personal communion, with God himself."

FRANCIS SCHAEFFER

"My first priority every day is to get my heart happy in the Lord."

GEORGE MUELLER

We don't want to do the Lord's work in the power of the flesh, but in the power of the Spirit."

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LUKE 11:11-13

¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for^[a] a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!



Your biggest breakthroughs with God, is going to come thru hardest experiences of your life.

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