November 1, 2026 | Pastor Stephen Littlejohn
Series: Philippians: To Live Is Christ

A Life of Loss and Gain
Philippians 3:1-11

Life inevitably brings us to a crossroads: temporal happiness or lasting joy. Only through knowing Christ can we experience a deep, abiding joy now and forever.

What is a stake in our lives?

Am I settling for temporal, fleeting happiness instead of eternal, abiding joy?

Pursuing Joy In The Crossroads of Life (v.1)

- Joy's command: _____! - **v. 1**
    - **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

- Joy's source:_____.
    - **John 15:11; Romans 14:17**

Joy's Caution and Correction (vv. 1-3)

- Look out! The_____ are coming **- vv. 1b-2**
    - Wrong belief leads to wrong living; neither produces joy
- Correction: We are the true circumcision - **v. 3**
    - _____ circumcision - **Romans 2:29**
    - Spirit-filled -_____- **Isaiah 58:3-9**
    - Grace-filled _____- **Galatians 6:14**

Joy's Contrast and Provision (vv.4-11)

- Joy contrasted **- vv. 4-7**
    - **Luke 12:16-21**
- Joy provision
    - Before salvation - **vv. 4-6**
    - At Salvation - **vv. 7-9**
        - **Acts 9; Ephesians 2:1-5**
        - **Isaiah 57:15-21**
    - After salvation
        - To know and _____ **(John 17:3; Hosea 2:20)**
        - To live in _____ and _____ well (**1 Peter 4:13**)
        - To _____ a glorious future (**Romans 6:5; Acts 14:22**)

So What?

- What is quenching my blood-bought joy?
- Have I settled for temporal happiness? Does God want more for me than I want for myself? **Galatians 4:8-11**

Now What?

The Life of Timothy

Big Takeaway: God uses ordinary believers who are grounded in Scripture, shaped through discipleship, and willing to serve Christ faithfully..

Scripture: Acts 16:1–5; 2 Timothy 1:3–5; 3:14–15

- What do we learn about Timothy's family, upbringing, and reputation? How did these prepare him for ministry?

- What does Paul's decision to take Timothy along teach us about intentional discipleship?

- How does 2 Timothy 3:14–15 emphasize the importance of Scripture in forming genuine faith?

- Who has helped shape your faith, and how can you intentionally invest in someone else's spiritual growth?

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