



A STUDY
JOY
in the
JOURNEY
OF PHILIPPIANS

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Joy in the Journey: A Study of Philippians
The Christian's Past: Salvation (Philippians 3:1-11)
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Philippians 3:1-11 ¹ 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.

Definition of confidence _____

Illustration "Unsinkable Ship" _____

Wrong kind of confidence _____

Right kind of confidence _____

Who is the Captain of your life?

When life pressure is on which boats do you usually place your confidence in over the Captain? _____

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If an athlete, working professional, or student had to be either happy or sad before having to compete, work, or take an exam, which would it be? _____

What do you think the confident athlete, confident professional, and confident student would do if something or someone was threatening their confidence? _____

"Rejoice" _____

Two words repeated 3 times in Phil. 3:1-2? _____

"Safe" _____

What were (3) Adjectives that describes Paul's opponents 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

What were (3) traits of True Christians 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

"Circumcision" _____

"Worship by the Spirit of God" _____

"Glory in Christ" _____

"Putting confidence in the flesh" _____

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What are some examples of misplaced confidence that Christians will place on self rather than Christ? _____

Will anything on our lists really matter when our life is over and we stand face-to-face with God? _____

What is the only thing that will matter then? _____

From least to the Greatest!

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What does Paul say about how he used to consider his NFL Jewishness as gain? _____

"Knowing" _____

Opponents religious works are nothing compared to Paul's religious works and Paul's religious works are nothing compared to the religious works of Jesus Christ!!!

(**v9**) "faith in Christ" does the original Greek phrase mean your faithfulness to or the faithfulness of Christ before God the Father? _____

Righteousness _____

(**v10**) Knowing & Sharing in Christ's sufferings _____

Discussion Questions:

1. **Is confidence always a good thing?**
2. **What would your self-confidence list include?**
3. **Will anything on your list really matter when standing face-to-face with God? What is the only thing that will matter then?**
4. **What can you do to make sure that your confidence doesn't get misplaced?**

Today's Lesson

Rightly Placed Confidence

Who here can tell me a definition of confidence?

“Confidence” is a feeling or awareness of one’s powers or of reliance on one’s circumstances to bring about a suspected outcome, the quality or state of being certain.





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Phil. 3:7-8 **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



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Phil. 3:9-11 **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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