



Joy Ride

THE BOOK OF JAN
PHILIPPIANS

Joy in Conflict

Philippians 3

1 Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things again is no trouble for me, and it is a safeguard for you.

Philippians 3

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The religious mindset is a **weapon** of the enemy; designed to distance us from the heart of God.

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to let go by.**

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Jesus people

vs.

Religious people

Religion

- An organized system of beliefs, ceremonies, and rules used to please God or a group of Gods.
- Things **we** can do to make God happy.
- Renders joy in tribulation impossible!
- Trust in own efforts vs. Trust in Jesus

Religion is not about **what** you do,
but **why** you do it!





Philippians 3

⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put 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; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

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⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them **garbage**, that I may gain Christ...

Religion



**You can't fully trust Christ
and trust you too!**

Philippians 3

9 ...and be found in him, not having a righteousness **of my own** that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that **comes from God** on the basis of faith.

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- "For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it." - James 2:10

**There is no such thing
as a religious joyride!**

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¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Religion vs. Christianity



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