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PHILIPPIANS

#JOY for eternity

*Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe.² Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation! ³ For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh, ⁴ though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: ⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.⁷ But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹ if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.¹⁵ Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. ¹⁶ Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind. ~ **Philippians 3:1-16***

THERE KEYS TO ETERNAL JOY:

I. ADMIT THAT YOU NEED JESUS FOR SALVATION

A. Paul's Serious Caution (vs 1-3)

*Finally, my brethren, **rejoice in the Lord**. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe.² **Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation!**³ For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, **rejoice in Christ Jesus**, and **have no confidence in the flesh**. ~ Philippians 3:1-3*

B. Paul's Religious Credentials (vs 4-6)

*Though I also might **have confidence in the flesh**. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so:⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee;⁶ concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. ~ Philippians 3:4-6*

C. Paul's Spiritual Confession (vs 7-8)

*But what things were gain to me, **these I have counted loss** for Christ.⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and **count them as rubbish**, that I may gain Christ. ~ Philippians 3:7-8*

*But when **the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared**,⁵ **not by works of righteousness which we have done**, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,⁶ whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,⁷ that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:4-7*

2. BELIEVE IN JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOR

A. Paul's Saving Faith in Jesus Christ (v9)

*And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through **faith in Christ**, the righteousness which is from God **by faith**.*
~Philippians 3:9

B. Paul's Growing Faith in Jesus Christ (vs 10-12)

That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹ if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.¹² Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ~ Philippians 3:10-12

3. COMMIT YOUR LIFE TO FOLLOWING JESUS

A. Forget the Former (v13a)

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended. ~ Philippians 13a

Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert. ~ Isaiah 43:18-19

B. Focus on the Future (v13b)

Memory Verse

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended But one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead.

~ Philippians 3:13

C. Fight to the Finish (v 14-16)

I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.¹⁵ Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. ¹⁶ Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind. ~ Philippians 3:14-16

*His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. **Enter into the joy of your lord.** ~ Matthew 25:21*

Next Steps:

- Become a follower of Jesus
- Memorize Philippians 3:13
- Sign up for the summer Growth Track
- Fill out your digital Connect Card
- Honor God in your giving
- Invite a friend to join us in person or online for next week's service.