

The Joy of Losing Your religion?

Philippians 3:1-11

Big Idea: We Find Joy by losing our religion and choosing a relationship.

3 Important Lessons on Joy...

1. Joy is a Decision.

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

2. Joy is Not in Religion (Lose your Religion).

Religion = humans attempting to earn their way to God = Do
Christianity = receiving Christ's gift to us = Done

True Faith =

- Worship in the Spirit
- Boasting in Christ
- Puts no confidence in the flesh.

3. Joy is in Knowing Christ (Choose your Relationship).

How To Know Christ...

1) Justification

Justification = "Just as if I never sinned," or "just as if I was perfect"

2) Sanctification

Sanctification = Knowing Christ and becoming more like him.

3) Glorification

Sermon Discussion Guide

Gather

... with your family

... with friends or your 3G Group on a Phone Conference or video call
(eg. Zoom, Hangouts, House Party, Facebook Watch Party)



Grow

Processing today's message...

- **Aha!** – What did you learn? What challenged you?
- **Uh-oh!** – What concerns did it raise?
- **Hmmm!** – What do you need to think about some more?



Dig a little deeper...

- 1) How is Joy a decision?
- 2) How would you tell someone else the difference between religion and Christianity? Why is Christianity not really a religion?
- 3) In your own words – using Philippians 3:9-11, how would you explain Justification, Sanctification and Glorification? How do each of these help us to really Know Christ?

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- What is your main take away from today?
- What can you do this week to apply something you learned today?

