

The Christian's JOY is indestructible.

1. What I Value Marks Me - Philippians 3:3-6

*We all have marks, either marks of the flesh or marks of faith.

- A. Marks of the Flesh (False Righteousness)
 - 1. Outward Things
 - 2. Mutilation (3:2 katatomes)
- B. Marks of Faith (True Righteousness)
 - 1. Inward things (heart, mind, soul)
 - 2. Circumcision (3:3 peritemno)

Paul's Marks of the Flesh:

- 1. Special son of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Benjamin
- 2. A Hebrew among Hebrews
- 3. A Pharisee
- 4. Full of zeal (3:6)
- 5. Righteous by what he has done

Paul's Marks of Faith:

- 1. A Worshiper in the Spirit of God
- 2. Glory in Jesus Christ
- 3. No Confidence in the Flesh
- 4. Count All Things to be Loss for the Sake of Christ

2. What I Value Fuels My Wants - Philippians 3:8

- A. Gain Christ (3:8)
- B. Found in Christ (3:9)
- C. Know Christ (3:10)
 - Intimately
 - "There more you know the more you know there is to know."
 - True intimacy: willing to share both in the joy and the pain
 - The resurrection is a PRESENT reality not just a historical event.
 - There is no shortcut to resurrection power: To resurrect, one must die.

3. What I Value Becomes What I Do

- A. Humility Saturated Forgetfulness
- B. Humility Saturated Forwardness

Let us have:

- 1. A Humble Attitude (3:15)
- 2. A Consistent Walk (3:16)
- 3. A Teachable Heart (3:17)
 - Follow & Observe



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