

# Finding Joy: Pursue Christ above everything else Philippians 3:1-11

**3** Finally, my brethren,  
**rejoice** in the Lord.

To write the same things *again* is no trouble  
to me,  
and  
it is a safeguard  
for you.

<sup>2</sup> Beware  
of the dogs,  
beware  
of the evil workers,  
beware  
of the false circumcision;

<sup>3</sup> for  
we are the *true* circumcision,  
who worship  
in the Spirit of God  
and  
glory  
in Christ Jesus  
and  
put no confidence  
in the flesh,

<sup>4</sup> although  
I myself might have confidence  
even in the flesh.

If anyone else has a mind  
to put confidence  
in the flesh,

I ... far more:

<sup>5</sup> circumcised the eighth day,  
of the nation of Israel,  
of the tribe of Benjamin,  
a Hebrew of Hebrews;  
as to the Law,  
a Pharisee;  
<sup>6</sup> as to zeal,  
a persecutor of the church;  
as to the righteousness  
which is in the Law,  
found blameless.

<sup>7</sup> But  
whatever things were gain to me,  $\longleftrightarrow$  those things I have counted as loss  
for the sake of Christ.

<sup>8</sup> More than that,  
I count all things to be loss  
in view of the surpassing value  
of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord,  
for whom I have suffered the loss of all things,  
and  
count them but rubbish

so that I may gain Christ,  
<sup>9</sup> and  
may be found  
in Him,

not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law,  
but

that  
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which is through faith  
in Christ,  
the righteousness  
which *comes* from God  
on the basis of faith,

<sup>10</sup> that I may know Him  
and  
the power  
of His resurrection  
and  
the fellowship  
of His sufferings,  
being conformed to His death;  
<sup>11</sup> in order that I may attain  
to the resurrection  
from the dead.