



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **The Transformative Power of Knowing Christ**
Series: **The Radical Guide to Joy**
Text: **Philippians 3:1-11**
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*“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves (live as Citizens of heaven) in **a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.**” (Phil. 1:27)*

FOUR RADICAL MOVES TO TRANSFORMING JOY

1. _____ IN CHRIST — GUARD YOUR JOY

*“Finally, my brothers, **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.** (Phil 3:1)*

***Watch out** for those **dogs**, those men who **do evil**, those **mutilators** of the flesh. (Php 3:2).*

*For it is **we who are the circumcision**, we **who worship by the Spirit of God**, who **glory in Christ Jesus**, and **who put no confidence in the flesh.** (Php 3:3).*

STOP _____ **IN WHAT YOU CAN DO** AND _____ **IN WHAT JESUS HAS DONE.**

2. _____ YOUR RÉSUMÉ — LET GO OF SELF-RELIANCE

*though **I myself have reasons** for **such confidence.** (Php 3:4).*

*If someone else thinks they have reasons **to put confidence in the flesh**, **I have more:** (Php 3:4)*

- *Circumcised on the eighth day — covenant born.*
- *Of the people of Israel — pure lineage.*
- *Of the tribe of Benjamin — the royal line.*
- *Hebrew of Hebrews — culturally and linguistically pure.*
- *In regard to the law, a Pharisee — meticulously _____.*
- *As for zeal, persecuting the church — passionately _____.*
- *As for righteousness based on the law, _____.*

*But **whatever were gains** to me **I now consider loss** for the sake of Christ. (Php 3:7).*

3. _____ CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS — REST IN HIS GRACE

*“What is more, I consider everything a loss **compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord**, for whose sake I have lost all things. (Php. 3:8)*

*I consider them **rubbish**, that I may gain Christ 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 and is by faith.**” (Php. 3:9)*

Not earned, but _____.

Not achieved, but _____.

4. _____ HIS LIFE — LIVE IN RESURRECTION POWER

*“I want **to know Christ** and **the power of his resurrection** and the **fellowship of sharing in his sufferings**, becoming **like him in his death**, and so, somehow, to **attain to the resurrection from the dead.**” (Php. 3:10-11)*

Beware of two extremes:

- _____ — WANTING POWER WITHOUT THE CROSS.
- _____ — CARRYING THE CROSS WITHOUT HOPE.

Prayer of Surrender

“Lord Jesus, I surrender all.

I renounce confidence in the flesh — my striving, my pride, my fear.

I receive the righteousness that comes from God through faith.

Conform me to Your cross. Empower me by Your resurrection.

Be my Lord, my joy, my gain, my everything.

Amen.”