



#10 – Philippians

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Philippians

January 24, 2021 Rejoice in the Lord, Part 2 Philippians 3:3-9

Rejoice in the Lord

Rejoice in the Lord is a feeling of inner gladness based upon God's victory over sin and death

The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boon

Missiles over Cuba by Tom White

Evidence not seen by Darlene Rose

Philippians 3:3-9

³For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith



Rejoice only in the Lord

1 - No Confidence in our stuff

2 – 100% Confidence in knowing Jesus

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Verse 3 - **no confidence**

Verses 7 and 8 – “I count all of this **as loss**”

Verse 8 – “I count all this as **rubbish**”

Disconnect themselves from this world and connect to the spiritual world

Philippians 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain

Philippians 2:5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus

No confidence

“I **count** all of this **as loss**”

“I **count** all this as **rubbish**”

2 – 100% Confidence in knowing Jesus

⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord

Surpassing worth = the super thing

Communion Questions:

Which of your accomplishments boost your confidence with God? As they come to mind, repent.

What does Jesus think of you?

Reflection Questions on Today’s Sermon

What was the most impactful insight into these verses?

How do these verses change your mindset?



Growth Group Questions

Rejoice in the Lord, Part 2

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Prepare

Read Philippians 3:1-9

Pray: Father, open our hearts to see our self-righteousness and false sources of identity and personal value. As we see them, we pray the Holy Spirit will begin to remove them by leading us to rejoice in Your beautiful gospel.

Connect

1. For job interviews, people are often coached to answer the question about their weaknesses by rephrasing strengths in a negative way. What is the most ridiculous example of this you have heard or can think of? Bonus points if you actually used it.

Discussion

1. What did you learn about God and yourself from this sermon and passage and what would you like to see change in your life because of it?
2. Fill in the blank: If _____ was taken away, I would be tempted to give up on Jesus. -or- I refuse to believe in a God who _____.

3. Talk about how you recognize the indicators from Pastor Shawn's sermon in your life:

Indicators of self-righteousness:

If you feel God owes you

If you feel God favors you over others

If you feel like a better Christian on your good days

If you feel devastated and depressed when spiritual change is not happening around you (as you pray for others or share Jesus with others)

You are a heavy and oppressive presence to others

You feel anxious and guilty all the time

Indicators of gospel-righteousness:

You are joyfully content even when you've blown it

You never think that God owes you anything

You never think of yourself as superior to other Christians

On your good and bad days, you feel equally good about yourself

You give great effort to love and serve people with no pressure upon yourself to change anyone

You feel content and free all of the time

You are a delight to be around

4. Update Paul's list of credentials to a modern version, perhaps even personal. I.e. What do people take pride in today and where do they tend to find their identity?
 - a. What do modern Christians tend to take pride in and where do they tend to find their identity?
 - b. How much confidence do you place in these things?



- c. To whom do you tend to compare yourselves and how does it tend to work out in the long run?
- 5. When you think about your life, can you agree with Paul's assessment of achievements in vss. 7-8 about your achievements? Why or why not?
 - a. How do you see Paul's highest value aligning with yours?
 - b. How can God use the best of who you are when you are fully surrendered to Christ?

Closing Prayer

1. **Admire:** What have you learned about God through this sermon, discussion, and Scripture? Praise Him for it
2. **Admit:** What has the Holy Spirit revealed to you as areas where you are falling short? Confess it to God.
3. **Aspire:** What is a specific change you want to see in your life or action you and/or your G2 could take based in this time of interaction?
4. **Ask:** Keep track of requests and celebrations from others in your G2 and pray for them.

