

CHOOSE Joy

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Philippians 3:1 – 14 (ESV)

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MESSAGE NOTES

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Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— ... — Philippians 3:1 – 3 (ESV)

... though 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: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. — Philippians 3:4 – 6 (ESV)

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, 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 ... — Philippians 3:7 – 8 (ESV)

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... and 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— that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. — Philippians 3:9 – 11 (ESV)

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. — Philippians 3:12 – 14 (ESV)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Do you have a fun “*life fact*” that people often are not aware of?
- Read Philippians 3:1-14. What are some of the messages from this passage that stand out to you?
- When Paul discusses evildoers, he is calling out those who attempt to impose worldly patterns on what Jesus calls us to. In today’s context, what should we be cautious of to avoid confusing Jesus’ message?
- Paul boasts a résumé of why he is significant in the eyes of the world. And yet, all that was available to him could be counted as loss. It’s nothing. What confidence do we put in this lifetime that may truly need a kingdom leaning?
- Rubbish gets tossed. What are you tossing this week to begin a new way of kingdom living ?
- When we allow Jesus to transform and redeem all things, regardless of what we do, who we are in Christ is the greater aim. Is that your aim?
- Paul welcomes the sufferings that come with Jesus’ way of living. Jesus’ way of living is going to bring hardships, suffering, and possible persecution. When was the last time you welcomed these things? Why do we try to run and avoid these things?
- Pray and ask Jesus to give you His heart for letting go of what is not needed. Pursue a life of transformation and live out the redemptive work of Christ through you.