

Series: Joyful Living – Part 7
Scripture: Philippians 3:1-11
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THE JOY THAT KNOWING JESUS CHRIST BRINGS

Philippians 3:1 *Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord!*

Paul shares five reasons to rejoice in the Lord...

1. WE HAVE THE RIGHT _____!

Philippians 3:1-6 It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh. 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-- though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put 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; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.

Hebrews 9:10-11, John 3:1-7

Four characteristics of this “better plan”...

1. We are the true _____.
2. We worship by the _____.
3. We glory in _____.
4. We put no confidence in the _____.

2. WE HAVE THE RIGHT _____!

*Philippians 3:7-8 But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. [8] What is more, **!** consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish...*

Matthew 13:44-46

3. WE HAVE THE RIGHT _____!

Philippians 3:9 ...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.

Romans 1:16-17

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

4. WE KNOW THE RIGHT _____!

Philippians 3:10-11 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,

How do I come to know Christ? There are two steps...
The first step is to have _____ knowledge.
The second step is to have _____ knowledge.

John 1:12 , John 17:3

Jeremiah 9:23-24 This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me..."

5. WE HAVE THE RIGHT _____!

Philippians 3:11 ...and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:14 I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God is calling us up to heaven because of what Christ Jesus did for us. (LB)

1 Cor. 15:20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.