

May 15, 2016
Philippians 3:1-11

THAT I MAY KNOW HIM

I. Introduction:

II. Three Things To Remember To Keep Our Joy

A. Realize It Is Worth _____

1] “Finally, my brothers and sisters, **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. ² Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh.” Philippians 3:1

B. _____ Of Those Who Would Have Us Rely On Wrong Things.

Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh. ³ 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— ⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ 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; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.” Philippians 3:2-6

C. Don't Trust In These Things For Salvation:

Don't Trust In _____
“Circumcised on the eighth day.”

Don't Trust In _____
“Of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin,”

Don't Trust In _____
“A Hebrew of Hebrews”

Don't Trust In _____
"In regard to the law, I was a Pharisee"

Don't Trust In _____
"As for zeal and legalistic righteousness, faultless."

III. Understand That Nothing Compares With _____

⁷ "But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ 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. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ. ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in^[a] Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. ¹⁰ **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, ¹¹ and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead." Philipians 3:7-11

IV. Conclusion and Application:

How Can I Know Christ In A Personal Way:

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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, 24] but let him who boast boast about this; that he **understand and knows me**, that I am the Lord who exercises kindness, justice, and righteousness on earth for in these I delight, declares the Lord." Jeremiah 9:23-24

POINTS TO PONDER
Week of May 15th to 21st
"That I May Know Him"
Philippians 3:1-11

Open It

1. *If you were to update your resume today, what recent accomplishment would you want to include?
2. What do you feel are your most valuable skills and gifts?
3. How do you feel when someone is better than you at something you do well?

Explore It

4. What did Paul call on believers to do? (3:1)
5. Why did Paul repeat essential truths to the Philippians? (3:1)
6. What did Paul say about certain false teachers? (3:2)
7. Whom did Paul identify as "true"? (3:3)
8. *What autobiographical facts did Paul give? (3:4-6)
9. In what sense was Paul not boasting, even though he was calling attention to his accomplishments? (3:7-9)
10. *Why did Paul view his former accomplishments as "rubbish"? (3:8)
11. *What was Paul's status in Christ? (3:9)
12. What longings did Paul admit to the Philippians? (3:10-11)
13. What hope did Paul express? (3:11)

Get It

14. What sorts of things tend to draw you away from Christ?
15. *What do you usually boast about?
16. Why do we tend to base our worth as Christians on our performance?
17. *Why should our identity and confidence be in the Lord?
18. How is the Apostle Paul's commitment to Christ an example to you?

Apply It

19. *What do you need to start counting as rubbish for the sake of Christ?
20. When you face struggles this week, how can you remember to rejoice rather than complain?