



Part 13: The Source of Joy

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All scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted.

REVIEW

Keys to Protecting Our Joy

Choose to rejoice in Jesus.

Choose to reject joy stealers.

Choose to rely on God alone.

Study Verse Section

Philippians 3:7 (ESV)- **But whatever gain** (κέρδος) *or profit I had, I counted* (ἡγέομαι) *consider as loss* (ζημία) *'damage, disadvantage, loss, forfeit', for the sake of* (διὰ) *'because of, on account of'* **Christ.**

Indeed, (ἀλλὰ μενοῦνγε) *lit. "but on the contrary"* **I count** (ἡγέομαι) **everything as loss** (ζημία) **because of the surpassing** (ὑπερέχω) *having above, the top* **worth of knowing** (γνώσις) *experiential knowledge* **Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake** (διὰ) **I have suffered the loss** (ζημία) **of all things and count** (ἡγέομαι) **them as rubbish,** (σκύβαλον) *refuse, dung* **in order that I may gain** (κέρδος) **Christ 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** (ἐπί) *on the basis* **on faith** – **that I may know** (γινώσκω) *experience* **him and the power of his resurrection, and may share** (κοινωνία) *fellowship* **his sufferings, becoming like** (συμμορφίζω) *be conformed to* **him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.**

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To Fuel Our Joy We Need

1. NO CONFIDENCE IN SELF

Philippians 3:7,9 (ESV)-But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ...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.

Paul's former confidence was in *his rituals* (5a), *rearing* (5b), *religion* (5c), *righteousness* (6).

Isaiah 64:6 (ESV)-We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

Romans 10:3 (ESV)-For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.

2. NO CLINGING TO THIS WORLD

Philippians 3:8 (ESV)- 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

Matthew 16:26 (ESV)- For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

3. NO CRAVING BUT JESUS

Philippians 3:8 (ESV)-Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

Philippians 3:10 (ESV)-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.

The desire to know him.

The desire to be close to him.

The desire to be like him.

Here is the Point: Jesus is our joy!!