



## 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!!