

# Message Notes

## **Joy in Gospel Righteousness**

Philippians 3:1-11

Joy Revolution, part 9

November 19, 2006

Remember, learning to “Delight Ourselves in the Lord” involves:

1. Willfully choosing
2. Diligently practicing
3. Humbly using the “helps” that God provides:
  - Creation & the Word
  - Prayer & Praise
  - Christian community

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# Message Outline

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### **Joy Stream #7 = Joy in Gospel Righteousness**

## **I. Paul’s Passionate Warning**

### A. Who these “joy robbers” are . . .

- Dogs
- Evil workers
- Mutilators of flesh

### B. Who we are . . .

- The people of God who worship in the Spirit of God
- The people of God who glory in Christ Jesus
- The people of God who put no confidence in the flesh

## **II. Paul’s Personal Sharing**

### A. His past living by the flesh

1. In born privileges
2. Personal accomplishments

### B. His present living by faith

1. Abandoning privileges and personal accomplishment
  - They count for less than nothing in the sight of God
  - They are loss compared to knowing Christ
  - They must be recognized as trash to gain Christ
2. Accepting Christ’s Righteousness
  - A righteousness from God
  - A righteousness by faith
  - A righteous not of self & not derived from the law
3. Embracing a lifelong process of knowing Christ
  - The power of His resurrection
  - The fellowship of His sufferings

**What does it mean to “Rejoice in the Lord”?**

## ***Growth Group Understanding Questions***

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1. Read Philippians 3:1-11. What is this text about? What is the flow of the argument?
2. In Paul's strong warning in 3:2 is he talking about three groups of people or one group of people? Explain why these people are called these three names by Paul? Why are these people a threat to our joy in the Lord?
3. What did OT circumcision signify? When Paul calls us "the true circumcision" in v. 3, what is he saying? What are the three defining marks he gives for us, the "true circumcision?"
4. How many things does Paul list to explain his "confidence in the flesh?" How do these break down into two categories? What are those categories?
5. Make your own accounting charts to explain Paul's confidence in the flesh before Christ, and his confidence in Christ after trusting Him by faith.
6. So what does Paul mean when he says, "rejoice in the Lord" in 3:1 in light of verses 3:2-11?

## ***Growth Group Application Questions***

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1. What was most challenging or new in the text/message this week?
2. What things represent your "confidence in the flesh" before Christ? In other words what things did you put in the profit/assets/credit column?
3. Today, what sorts of things do some folks try to add to the work of Christ as things we must do for a right standing before God? (It's not normally circumcision in our day, but other things. What are those things?)
4. We didn't talk about it a bunch in the message, but what is 3:10-11 all about? Paul describes knowing Christ as involving two things. What are they and what do they mean?
5. What does it look like to practically practice rejoicing in the Lord in light of this passage? Do it now together as a group!