

WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////



This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends or your group.

For Discussion:

1. What is your favorite part of this section of Scripture and why?
2. What was a new thought you gained from this study?
3. What would be your Christian resume for salvation (if there was such a thing)? Are you able to set it aside?
4. Why do so many people count on their own goodness for salvation? How can we teach differently?
5. How would you describe Paul’s “Christian resume” and how do you relate?

All scriptures are NIV(2011) unless otherwise noted.



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PURPOSEFUL JOY OCCURS WHEN . . .

1. I want to KNOW Christ (3:1-11).
2. I want to PURSUE Christ (3:12-4:1).
3. I want to HONOR Christ (4:2-9).

REVIEWING THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

1. The Apostle Paul visited Philippi SEVERAL times on his second and third journeys. He spent a total of 5 or 6 weeks with these people but they held a very SPECIAL place in his heart.
2. Now, Paul is in a Roman PRISON and he writes a letter to these people with a focus on JOY.
3. In chapter 1, we learned that HAPPINESS is based on circumstances while joy is based on RELATIONSHIP.
4. In chapter 2, we learned that humility leads to UNITY within a group, and JOY for an individual.
5. In chapters 3 and 4, Paul shows us how to be INTENTIONAL in our joy.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW CHRIST, . . .

1. Put No Confidence in YOURSELF for Salvation

Phil. 3:1 Further, 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. 3 For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh—

a. Paul now gives more REASONS for rejoicing. His main point is to rejoice in Christ and not in our OWN goodness or works.

b. This is such an important point that to Paul it is “*NO trouble*” to REPEAT himself. In fact, it might “*keep you SAFE.*”

Phil. 1:28 without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved. . .

c. Everywhere Paul went, he had CONFLICT with “Judaizers” who told Christians that they NEEDED Jesus AND the Law.

Gal. 2:14 . . . I said to Peter before all, ‘If thou, being a Jew, in the manner of the nations dost live, and not in the manner of the Jews, how the nations dost thou compel to Judaize? (Young’s)

Acts 15:1 Certain people came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the believers: “Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved.”

d. So Paul uses the word BEWARE three times.

Phil. 3:2 Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh.

Phil. 3:2 Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. (ESV)

1. The DOGS (this is what Jews called Gentiles).
2. The EVILDOERS (they said they were doing good).
3. The MULTILATORS (they demanded circumcision).

e. Instead, those who TRUST in Christ ALONE are the true “circumcision”.

1. We serve GOD (dogs serve no one but themselves).
2. We BOAST only in Christ (nothing in ourselves).
3. We know that the FLESH cannot SAVE us.

(Actually, If Anyone COULD Boast in Flesh, It Was Paul!)

Phil. 3:3 . . . and who put no confidence in the flesh— 4 though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have 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 righteousness based on the law, faultless.

Paul’s Jewish resume is IMPRESSIVE!

Qualifications	Profit	Loss
Circumcised	8th Day	
Nationality	Israeli	
Tribe	Tribe of Benjamin	
DNA	Hebrew of Hebrews	
In observing the Law	Pharisee	
In zeal	Persecutor	
In accusations concerning the law	Blameless	

2. Put ALL Your Confidence in Faith for Salvation

Phil. 3:7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, 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 Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. 10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

a. And all of those items in the PROFIT (gain) column really belong in the LOSS column. Not only are these items in the loss column, but they end in the GARBAGE column.

b. if we want to GAIN Christ, ALL of us must consider as garbage anything we think we’ve done towards salvation!

c. Salvation is not based on MY righteousness but on HIS, and then on MY faith in HIS righteousness.

Paul’s new resume!

Qualifications	Profit	God’s Work
To know	Christ	Called
To know the power of	His Resurrection	Justification
To participate in	His Sufferings	Santification
Becoming like Him in	His Death	Participation
Attaining to	The Resurrection	Glorification