

“Possessing True JOY”
Philippians: A Book Study
“Marks Of Distinction”
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Text: Philippians 3:1-11

QUICK REVIEW –

Circumstances and people can rob us of joy, but so can *things*; and this is the thief Paul deals with as we open up chapter three. He is describing the SPIRITUAL MIND. Key word here in 3:1-11 is *count* (or *consider*). There is a need to evaluate, to assess. Few people sit down to weigh seriously the values that control their decisions and direction in life....

There are only two kinds of righteousness (RIGHT LIVING) – works-based righteousness and faith-based righteousness – and only one of them is acceptable.

1. WORKS-BASED RIGHTEOUSNESS – v.1-6

Paul reminds the Philippians here of the same thing. “*Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.*” Huh??

Dogs =

Evildoers=

Mutilation =

2. FAITH-BASED RIGHTEOUSNESS – v.7-11

When you are drawn into a love relationship with Jesus your faith deepens in several ways:

A _____
OF CHRIST – v.8 –⁸“*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.*”

ROBED IN HIS _____
– v.9 –⁹“*...⁹and 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—...*”

DEEPENING _____ WITH
CHRIST – v.10-11 –¹⁰“*...¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.*”