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choice. ]

PART  
8

A SERMON SERIES ON PHILIPPIANS

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## THE ULTIMATE SAFEGUARD

CHOOSING TO REJOICE

*Philippians 3:1-11*

*After giving a couple examples, Paul gets back to the instructions and exhortations in chapter 3.*

Paul instructs the Philippians (and us) to rejoice. — **Why?**

To **SAFEGUARD** ourselves!

### HOW TO SAFEGUARD MY LIFE

1. Choose to **DWELL ON GOD'S GRACE** (v. 1)

*(and let it **DEFINE MY LIFE**)*

2. Look out for the **JOY SUCKERS** (v.2)

3. Remember who I am **IN CHRIST** (v.3)

(and **REVEL** in it!)

4. Stop finding my identity in my **PRIVILEGES** and  
**ACHIEVEMENTS** (v.4-7)

5. Strive to **KNOW JESUS** (v. 8-11)

(because he supersedes any and **EVERY** other thing!)

# 1:10 COMMUNITY GROUP **HOMEWORK**



Open Your Group in Prayer. Use the Prayer Guide on the next page for Suggestions.

1. **Read Philippians 3:1-11.** What wonderful reminder does Paul give the Philippians (and us) in verse 1?
2. Who is to be the source of their (and our) joy? (Also read **Psalm 32:11, Psalm 34:1-5 and Hebrews 12:2-3** to answer this question.)
3. The church at Philippi was made up primarily of Gentiles (*Gentiles refers to everyone who is not Jewish*); they were mostly Roman citizens, and as such, did not come from a Jewish background. Explain what and whom Paul warns the Philippian believers about, based upon what he wrote in **Philippians 3:2** and what the following verses address

**Acts 15:1-11**

**Galatians 3:1-6**

4. In contrast, how are the people of the “true circumcision” described in Philippians 3:3?
5. **Read Philippians 3:4-6 again.** In verse 4 Paul says, “If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more.” List four advantages he had from birth.
6. How did Paul view his privileges and achievements according to **Philippians 3:7**?
7. Things are not very different today. Legalism or religious tradition can rob us of joy and freedom in Christ. We can begin to focus on ourselves and our accomplishments. But what is God interested in our doing?

**Matthew 22:36-40**

**Romans 13:8-10**

**Galatians 5:22-23**

8. What is your resume of privileges and achievements? You have some by birth and some by your efforts. List them.
9. Are there any that you’re placing undue trust in? How are you doing at counting them as “loss” compared to knowing Jesus?
10. Read Philippians 3:8-11 several times. What did Paul gain when he counted these things as loss? (i.e., *What relationship has he gained? What righteousness has he gained? How has he obtained this righteousness?*)
11. Instead of looking for earthly applause, what new goals and new *motivations* has Paul gained?

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12. What goals do you have for your life? What motivates you to reach each goal? Discuss ways you can begin to value “things” less and Christ more.
13. How does this passage of Philippians deepen your security and confidence in joy through knowing Jesus?

This weeks study taken from <https://bible.org/seriespage/8-joyful-freedom>

Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them 1:10 Community Groups (the “1:10” comes from Colossians 1:10). The questions here are based on the sermon each week, and guide each group’s study. If you’re interested in connecting with a 1:10 Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

