



PHILIPPIANS

BEING JOYFUL DISCIPLES

JOY IN THE LORD

Philippians 3:1-11

Lost

- ▶ 1950's = innocence
- ▶ 1960's = authority
- ▶ 1970's = love
- ▶ 1980's = hope
- ▶ 1990's = power to reason
- ▶ New millennium = imagination

WHAT MATTERS MOST

- ✓ “surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord” (8)
- ✓ “I want to know Christ” (10)

Jeremiah 9:23-24

²³ This is what the LORD says: “Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, ²⁴ but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,” declares the LORD.

DECISION TO BE MADE

☐ “rejoice in the Lord” (1)

OR

☐ “confidence in the flesh” (3, 4)

IN THE FLESH (4-6)

- × Circumcised: *Ritual* (5)
- × Israel: *Race* (6)
- × Benjamin: *Family* (5)
- × Pharisee: *Respectable* (5)
- × Persecuted: *Sincere* (6)
- × Blameless: *Ethical* (6)

v8 “loss ... loss ... loss ... rubbish”

IN

- ❖ Rejoice in the Lord (1)
- ❖ Glory in Christ Jesus (3)
- ❖ Found in him (9)
- ❖ Faith in Christ (9)
- ✘ ~~Confidence in the flesh (3, 4)~~

REJOICE

1. Joy = “chara” calmly happy, glad, delighted; *goal not a process or action*
2. Rejoice = “chairete” action leading to or causing joy

IN THE LORD

1. “worship by the Spirit” (3)
2. “glory in Christ Jesus” (3)
3. “no confidence in the flesh” (3)
4. “be found in Him” (9)

QUESTION

What's most important in your life?

Commit

What one change can you make to pursue the one thing that matters most?