TO LIVE IS CHRIST

Philippians

Developing a Joyful Mindset



Being Found in Christ

Philippians 3:1-11

How do we stop struggling to create our identity and start experiencing joy? Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.



Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. 3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—

Philippians 3:2-3

though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:

Philippians 3:4

circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Philippians 3:5-6

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.



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

Philippians 3:8

and 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—

Philippians 3:9

that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:10-11



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How do we stop struggling to create our identity and start experiencing joy? We let Christ take care of it. The Philippians obstacle: honor Our obstacle: comfort Our true path: Jesus

The obstacle to joy is: Crafting an identity apart from Christ

The Philippians' primary issue was <u>honor.</u>

Paul emphasized his accomplishments.

Our primary alternative is <u>comfort</u>.

The goal is to be with <u>Jesus</u>.

The question for us is: is this helping me to be with Jesus? Am I thinking of myself as someone with Jesus?