

# PROTECTING YOUR JOY

## PHILIPPIANS 3:1-11

Marcus Reeves

### Rejoice in the Lord (v.1)

- Joy easily misplaced
- Joy easily stolen

### Joy thieves (vv.2-3)

- Confidence tricksters

### The best argument (vv.4-6)

- 'Joyous' self-achievement

### The best was all rubbish (vv.7-9)

- The all surpassing Christ achievement
- Freedom from tyranny

### The most worthy (and joyous) pursuit (v.10)

- Joyous security means living for Christ

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Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

<sup>2</sup> Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. <sup>3</sup> For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— <sup>4</sup> 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: <sup>5</sup> 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; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted

as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> 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 <sup>9</sup> 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— <sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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**Next week: Philipians 3:12-16**