

# Welcome!

- ✓ *Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.*
- ✓ *Say hello to someone you don't know.*
- ✓ *We'll gather at 10:20am.*

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# Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7

*To you, LORD, I call; you are my Rock, do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you remain silent, I will be like those who go down to the pit. Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place... Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.*

Joy

in the

Journey

Paul's letter to the  
Philippians



# Philippians Overview

Theme: *“The Joy of Lord”*

Outline by Warren Wiersbe:

## CH. 1 The Single Mind

- 1/4 *“The Increase of Joy”* (Phil. 1:1-11)
- 1/11 *“The Power of Joy”* (Phil. 1:12-26)
- 1/18 *“The Community of Joy”* (Phil. 1:27-30)
- 2/1 *“Philippians 1 Overview”* (Snow Zoom)

# Philippians Overview

## CH. 2 The Submissive Mind

- 2/8 *“The Humiliation of Joy”* (Phil. 2:1-11)
- 2/15 *“The Fulfillment of Joy”* (Phil. 2:12-18)
- 2/22 *“The Friendship of Joy”* (Phil. 2:19-30)

## CH. 3 The Spiritual Mind

- TODAY *“The Fellowship of Joy”* (Phil. 2:19-30)

## CH. 4 The Secure Mind

# Philippians 3:1-11

1 Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and **it is a safeguard for you.** 2 Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. 3 For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— 4 though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the

flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.

I consider them garbage (rubbish, dung), that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, **not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.** 10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

# Philippians 3:1

1 Further, my brothers and sisters, **rejoice in the Lord!** It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and **it is a safeguard for you.**

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- *Joy is a supernatural weapon of spiritual warfare.*
- *“Joy should be the normal state of the Christian. What a happy religion is ours in which it is a duty to be happy!”*  
– Charles H. Spurgeon

# Philippians 3:2

2 Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh (the false circumcision).

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*Circumcision is a sign of God's work, not ours. The Good News is about God's work, not ours. The Judaizers (and religion, in general) always want to keep making it about what we do for God, instead of what God has done for us.*

# Circumcision of the Heart

*“When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.” – Colossians 2:13-14*

# Philippians 3:3-4

3 For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— 4 though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

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*Those who truly belong to God “put no confidence in the flesh” (outward behaviors) because there is nothing in our flesh that earns any merit from God, only de-merit!*

# Philippians 3:5-6

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

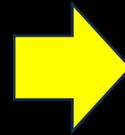
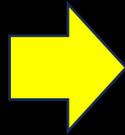
# Paul's Stellar Resume

1. Covenantal Sign of Circumcision ✓
2. Israelite – Born into God's ethnic people ✓
3. Benjamin - Favored tribe ✓
4. Hebrew – Practiced the faith of Abraham ✓
5. Pharisee – Respected religious leader ✓
6. Zeal – Acted on his religious beliefs ✓
7. Performance - Kept the rules to perfection ✓

# Philippians 3:7

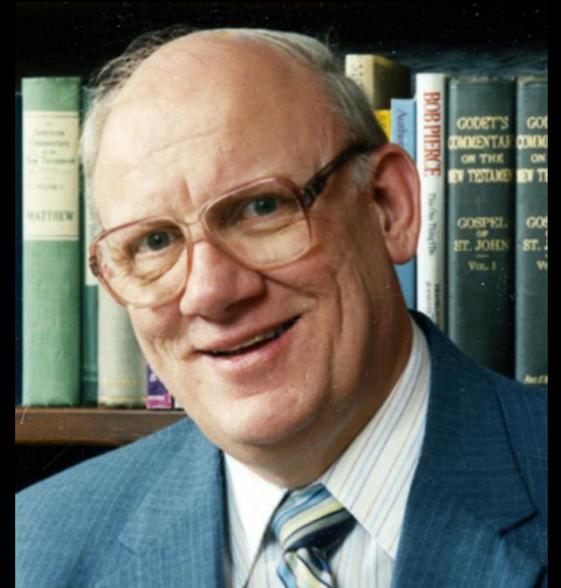
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## *A Word from Wiersbe*

*“Like most religious people today, Paul had enough morality to keep him out of trouble, but not enough righteousness to get him into heaven. It was not bad things that kept Paul away from Jesus—it was good things. **He had to lose his religion to find salvation.**” - Warren Wiersbe (“Be Joyful,” Ch. 8)*



# Philippians 3:8

8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.

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Knowing about Christ is not the same as knowing Christ.

- Knowing About - history, doctrine, theology, teachings
- Knowing – heart, voice, presence, wounds, joys

# How do we know Christ better?

Spend time. Have conversation. Ask questions.

Listen. Experience life with. Have fun with.

Invite Him into your home. Go to his.

Spend time with His family.

Laugh with. Cry with.

*Prioritize “knowing Christ.”*

# The Blessing

*Deuteronomy 33:12*

*“Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in him,  
for he shields him all day long, and the  
one the Lord loves rests between  
his shoulders.”*