

Philippians - Journey with Joy

Part 5: Joy in Purity - Philippians 3:1-4:1

Too much or too little of a good thing is dangerous.

In Philippians 3, Paul deals with a dangerous _____ concerning good works.

Joy comes from a relationship with Jesus
that results in a _____ life and a _____ perspective.

1. The Danger of Legalism – depending on _____ to save you - 3:1-9

- Legalism – the belief that one's personal obedience, your strict adherence to laws and rules, will earn righteousness and salvation.
- Positional Purity – We are made _____ by accepting the sacrifice of Christ through repentance and faith. Works are not the cause of salvation.

2. _____ for the Prize – 3:10-17

- Paul talks about a relationship with Jesus ("that I may know Him"-v.10) that pursues Christ's character, His holiness, His example.
- Know—intimate knowledge—same word as in Matthew 1:25—Joseph did not know Mary until after she gave birth to Jesus.
- Press—to pursue, chase, run after.
Paul's goal—the prize—was to have a complete knowledge of Jesus in both His _____ and His _____.
- Paul's goal was to be like Jesus in every situation, not just to get to heaven.
- Progressive Purity – We strive to _____ our lives with the sinless, righteous position we've been given.

3. The Danger of Antinomianism – the belief that by faith and God's grace, Christians are freed from all _____ laws and standards - 3:18-21

Grace doesn't mean I am exempt from the law.
Grace gives me the _____ to live the law.

*Most people spend their lives trying to make earth feel like heaven.
Christians spend their lives preparing for heaven
while bringing a little of heaven to earth.*