

Confidence is Knowing Christ
Philippians 3:1-11; Acts 15:5ff
June 18, 2023

I. Joy originates in knowing Jesus. (v.1)

II. A Warning – False Teachers, beware! (v.2-3)

III. Paul's previous life in the flesh was abandoned for New Life in Christ. (v. 4-11)

Life Group Questions

1. "Rejoice in the Lord" is repeated in Phil 3:1 and 4:4. Why does he emphasize this? What does a person who rejoices in the Lord look like? Act like? How does she handle moments of challenge? Stress?
2. What accounts for Paul's change in tone from verse 1 to verse 2?
3. If he had ignored the Judaizers & did not warn the church of works- based salvation, how could this have affected the gospel? If the apostles and elders had not clearly and boldly addressed them in Acts 15:5-11 how might the church look differently, even in the centuries to come? Read Galatians 2:21.
4. Can you say along with Paul, that you desire to know Christ, the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings (Phil 3:10)? Do you believe that suffering is a call to intimacy with Jesus? Consider memorizing these verses (3:10-11) together with someone else as you grow in your knowledge and faith in Jesus.

People are available Sunday mornings at the conclusion of each service to pray confidentially for your concerns. Simply come to the front as others are leaving - look for those wearing name tags. You can also email us your prayer requests.