

OCT 7, 2018

THE JOY OF PURSUING JESUS WHOLEHEARTEDLY 3:1-15

When it comes enjoying life
there is no _____ for _____ Jesus.

Finally, my brothers, 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. (*Php 3:1*)

✓ Be especially aware of _____
_____. *Php 3:2-6*

_____: Early Christians who insisted that converts must believe in Jesus AND continue to follow the traditional Hebrew customs in order to be accepted by God. (*Gal 2:14*)

✓ Religious accomplishments and rules are _____ compared to knowing Christ. *Php 3:7-11*

All of us have our _____.

✓ Knowing Christ is a _____.
Php 3:12-15

Your _____ and _____ are both behind you.

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What thought from the message stands out most to you?

What does it mean to "rejoice in the Lord?"

What are some of the good things that can become substitutes for knowing Christ more deeply? What are some of yours?

Why do we choose substitutes over the real thing of knowing Christ at a deeper level? In what ways do you think we settle for a "lesser Jesus?"

What about your awful or awesome past holds you back from knowing Jesus more fully?

How has the pursuit of knowing Jesus and his calling for you affected your joy level?

What questions do you have about this passage?

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