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Week 3

¹ Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your faith.

Philippians 3:1 NLT

- Choose Joy and Choose to Rejoice!
- It's good to hear the truth again and again.

² Watch out for those dogs, those people who do evil, those mutilators who say you must be circumcised to be saved.³ For we who worship by the Spirit of God are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort, ⁴ though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more! **Philippians 3:2-4 NLT**

- Paul does a great job of giving warnings and instructions in many of his letters about false teaching.
- Paul makes it clear that it's not what man can do but what Jesus has already done that changes everything.
- We who worship by the Spirit of God are the ones that have been transformed.

²¹ Jesus replied, "Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews. ²³ But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. ²⁴ For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth." ²⁵ The woman said, "I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain

everything to us." ²⁶ Then Jesus told her, "I am the Messiah!" **John 4:21-26 NLT**

- Paul goes ahead and lays out his pedigree of qualifications in verses 5 and 6.
- Paul says "I consider these things garbage in comparison to knowing Jesus."

⁷ I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. ⁸ Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ ⁹ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, ¹¹ so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead! **Philippians 3:7-11 NLT**

- It's not following rules, it's about faith.
- It's complete faith in what Jesus has done and his righteousness being applied to us.

¹² I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. ¹³ No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. **Philippians 3:12-14 NLT**

- We are all a work in progress.
- We have to focus on what lies ahead.
- We must finish well.

¹⁸ For I have told you often before, and I say it again with tears in my eyes, that there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth. ²⁰ But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. ²¹ He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.

Philippians 3:18-21 NLT

- Are you an enemy of the cross?
- Do you serve or worship other gods?
- Are you all in or lukewarm?

- We're only passing through this world.