

**Week 7: Phil. 3:1-11**  
Joy in Conflict

THE  
**REBEL'S**  
GUIDE to JOY

**Start by reading Phil. 3:1-11 for an overview of the passage.**

**Context**

In our last section, Paul called us to live as examples to a broken world and gave us two examples of men that were faithful to that call. This week, the Philippians were encouraged to rejoice in the sacrifices made by Paul and these men. In the same way, we too are called to rejoice in the sacrifices made by those who lead us to Jesus and continue to shepherd us toward sanctification. Paul gives us a warning against salvation by any other means than Jesus and against those that try to lead the body toward those means.

**Jesus and ...**

Read verses 1-7.

Who are the dogs that Paul is warning the Philippians about?

What are they teaching that opposes the Gospel?

What are they adding to Jesus for salvation?

What do you see being added to Jesus in our culture today?

In what are you prone to look for confidence of salvation besides Jesus?

What does it mean to count as loss all that has been gained for the sake of Christ?

What have you gained that you need to count as loss?

**Jesus only**

Read verse 8-11

What is knowing Jesus is your Lord worth to you?

How is that reflected in your life?

What have you given up to gain Christ?

How did your view of those things change when you submitted your life to Jesus?

What righteousness to you hold on to that isn't found in Christ?

What would it look like to give that up?

How does a righteousness based on faith alone encourage or scare you?

What is the power of Jesus' resurrection?

What does it look like to share in the suffering of Jesus and become like him in his death?

Where does that rank in your desires?

What do you strive for more than the resurrection of the dead?

**Reflection and Prayer**

*Take time this week to pray for the following:*

For discernment to expose dogs that want to add to Jesus

To expose the confidences I have in things other than Christ

For the strength to count everything as lose for the sake of Jesus

For salvation by faith for those who don't know Jesus

For a new and profound understanding of power of Jesus' resurrection