

# PHILIPPIANS GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP

The Knowing-Christ Church  
Philippians 3:1-11 (pg. 981)

**Bottom Line: Rejoicing In The Lord Together Is Your Supreme Purpose**

**Therefore:**

**You Need Relentless Reminders (3:1b)**

**You Watch For Enemies (3:2)**

**You Live What You Are (3:3)**

**You Despise The Flesh (3:4-7)**

- Upbringing & Ritual - *circumcised on the eighth day*
- Ethnicity & Nationality - *of the people of Israel*
- Standing & Pedigree - *of the tribe of Benjamin*
- Patriotism & Popularity - *a Hebrew of Hebrews;*
- Intelligence & Achievement - *as to the law, a Pharisee;*
- Sincerity & Commitment - *as to zeal, a persecutor of the church*
- Morality & Reputation - *as to righteousness under the law, blameless.*

**You Want The Whole Christ (3:8-11)**

- I Want Christ's Lordship - *knowing Christ Jesus my Lord*
- I Want Christ's Ownership - *in order that I may gain Christ*
- I Want Christ's Protection - *and be found in him*
- I Want Christ's Righteousness - *the righteousness from God*
- I Want Christ's Resurrection - *the power of his resurrection*
- I Want Christ's Sufferings - *and may share his sufferings*
- I Want Christ's Death - *becoming like him in his death*
- I Want Christ's Eternity - *I may attain the resurrection from the dead*

## Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. What evidences of grace have you seen since we last met?
2. What stuck out to you from the sermon Sunday?
3. Why is rejoicing in the Lord central the individual Christian life? To the corporate church life? What happens to everything we do if we lose that?
4. Why is the relentless preaching of the basic gospel message over and over and over again so important to maintaining and increasing our joy in Christ?
5. How do false teachers try to use our own flesh to turn us from full delight in Christ? What is it about the flesh that makes it our most deadly enemy?
6. Look at the two lists in the outlines. You can either have one or the other. You cannot have both or any mixture of the two. Where do you find the most success? Where do you find the most difficulty or temptation?
7. What has the Holy Spirit convicted you of in this sermon?
8. How were you encouraged by this passage?