

REFLECTION

Lesson 10 Reflecting Confidence

Philippians 3:1-11

PAUL REPEATS HIMSELF WITH AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE.

"The joy of the Lord will arm us against the assaults of our spiritual enemies, and put our mouths out of taste for those pleasures with which the tempter baits his hooks."

Matthew Henry

- A. Choose **joy** in spite of **circumstances**.
- B. Joy is **based** on the Lord.
 - 1. Repetition of Truth is a **good thing**.
 - 2. Repetition of Truth can bring fresh **meaning**.
 - 3. Repetition of Truth keeps us from **cultural** thinking.

PAUL ISSUES A WARNING.

- A. He describes those who are **perverting** Truth.
 - 1. Through cultural **thinking**
 - 2. Through immoral **character**
 - 3. Through **legalism**
- B. He describes a **true** heart.
 - 1. Through empowered **worship**
 - 2. Through **praise** of Jesus Christ
 - 3. Through the **realization** that we cannot **save** ourselves
- C. He uses **himself** as an illustration.
 - 1. It is not through going through **rituals**
 - 2. It is not through family **pedigree**
 - 3. It is not through our own **efforts**

PAUL PRESENTS A STRONG CONCLUSION.

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.”

Jim Elliot

- A. EVERYTHING is loss compared to a **relationship** with Jesus.
 - 1. Human accomplishments **fade**
 - 2. Jesus **illuminates**

- B. EVERYTHING is gained in a **relationship** with Jesus.
 - 1. Jesus is in **control**.
 - a. A **knowledge** of Christ Jesus.
 - b. Lord – **ownership**, authority
 - 2. Earthly values **fade**.
 - 3. Heavenly values **emerge**.

- C. EVERYTHING becomes **new** through the fellowship with Jesus.
 - 1. **Knowing** Jesus
 - 2. **Knowing** resurrection power
 - a. Emptying me of **me**
 - b. Filling **me** with Him

PAUL PRESENTS THE ULTIMATE GIFT

“Yes, Paul gained far more than he lost. In fact, the gains were so thrilling that Paul considered all other ‘things’ nothing but garbage in comparison! No wonder he had joy!”

Warren Wiersbe