

Rejoicing in Christ is Life's Reward
The Joyful Life Series
Philippians 3

Introduction – Joyful Christianity **REWARDS** us now and will for eternity.

I. Religion verses **SPIRITUALITY** – Philippians 3:1-14

- v. 1 - Warning: There are lurking dangers – 2 Corinthians 11:13;
Perverting the gospel
- vv. 2-3 – The rite or reality?
- vv. 4-7 – Our confidence: in the flesh – Romans 8:8; or in Christ?
1 Corinthians 1:31
- vv. 8-9 – Christ's righteousness is superior; no reserve, retreat or regrets
- vv. 10-11 – Spirituality; power over sin resulting in Christlikeness
- v. 12 – Our responsibility: let go (flesh) and grab ahold (Christ) –
apprehension, appropriation and appreciation – Galatians 1:16
- vv. 13-14 – Reaching forward; Paul found something/ Someone worth
living for

II. We mimic **SOMEONE** – Philippians 3:15-21

- v. 15 – Perfection/ maturity comes with pursuing Christ; justification
(positional), sanctification (progressive) and glorification (ultimate)
- vv. 16-17 – Follow after (copy) those that follow Christ
– 1 Corinthians 11:1

- vv. 18-19 – Be careful who you follow; self-serving, self-worshipping and self-indulging; boasting of freedom but are slaves to sin, Satan and self
- vv. 20-21 – We are a colony (outpost) of Heaven; Christ's return motivates heavenly living - 1 John 3:1-3

Conclusion – May we live like we have found the **TREASURE**.