

# **“Joy In Trusting The Lord”**

## **Repeating The Gospel Again And Again**

### **Philippians 3:1-11 (981)**

With the word “finally” Paul now heads toward his conclusion – though it will take him a full two chapters to get there! At this juncture he yet again exhorts his readers to *rejoice in the Lord*, a theme that now dominates this “Epistle of Joy” to the Philippians. Is Paul saying the *same things* (v1) again and again? Yes, but that is okay, for the Gospel must drastically effect our hearts (a biblical phrase encompassing our intellect and our outlook). Today hear the wonder and warning of the Gospel as the Apostle leads us to the solid Rock of the Christian faith.

#### **I. The \_\_\_\_\_ Of The Gospel (v 1)**

- This is the Apostle’s \_\_\_\_\_ use of the word ‘ \_\_\_\_\_ ’!
- We are commanded to once again \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus.
- Learn the joy (and \_\_\_\_\_) of regular \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **II. The \_\_\_\_\_ Of The Gospel (v 2-6)**

- Observe how an external focus on “the \_\_\_\_\_” perverts the \_\_\_\_\_.
- “Confidence in the flesh” = \_\_\_\_\_, nationality, \_\_\_\_\_ standing
- Learn the discipline of reckoning \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **III. The \_\_\_\_\_ Of The Gospel (v 7-12)**

- It is centered in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (cf. v 9, 11)
- It is centered in a righteousness the \_\_\_\_\_.
- It depends upon God’s \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (see Eph. 2:8-9).
- It endures \_\_\_\_\_, and looks forward to nothing less than the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_!

***(Philippians: An Expository Commentary by James Montgomery Boice)***