

SUNDAY MORNING

GIVING UP YOUR RELIGION FOR A RELATIONSHIP

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Message 20 in the series: **Learning how to rejoice in the Lord always**

Text: Philippians 3:4-10

Theme: Peace isn't found in religion, it is found through a relationship.

In chapter 2 (v. 19) Paul wanted to know the state of the people of the Church of Philippi, but in chapter 3 Paul wants to know...

You know there is a God, but do you know God? Do you know the excellency of God?

I. You must understand the loss of religion (vv. 4-7)

Are you doing it because it is part of religion, not because of your relationship to your heavenly Father?

It's time to stop and consider. It's time to count it all up and realize the acts of religion are all loss

II. You must pursue the gain of relationship (vv. 8-10)

Excellency (v. 8) – supremacy (supreme over religion)

As a Jew Paul tried to conform to the law

As a Christian Paul now tried to conform to the higher standard – which is above the law – Christ-likeness!!

This is what moved it from religion to relationship