

Real Joy: Finishing Well - Part 1
Knowing I Am Not, But He Is
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1. Knowing Christ leads to rejoicing in spite of life's troubles.
2. Knowing Christ is enhanced by living out basic Gospel truths.
3. Knowing Christ will cause us to castoff religion.
 - Religion is trying to get God's approval by our own understanding and performance.

Deuteronomy 30:6 – "The Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live."

Romans: 14:17 – "The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

4. Knowing Christ as Lord is surpassingly greater than everything else.
5. Knowing Christ means we are fully righteous.
6. Knowing Christ means we can daily live a resurrection life.

Faith Sheet

Transformation Verse - *Jesus said, "I am the bread of life..." John 6:35*

Main Points: "Knowing" Christ is more than intellectual understanding. Knowing Him means to experience His presence, power, and wisdom in our lives. Knowing Him becomes surpassingly greater than anything or anyone in this life. Knowing Him is revealed in how we think, our heart affections, and in our lifestyle.

#1- Reviewing this past Sunday Real Joy: Finishing Well - Part 1 Knowing I Am Not, But He Is Philippians 3:1-11

1. Read Philippians 3:1-11.
2. What could you relate to during Sunday's testimony?
3. "Religion" *is trying to get God's approval by our own understanding and performance.* Where do you still struggle with this in your own life?
4. Does knowing Christ still boggle your mind, stir your affections, and lead you to joyful obedience on a regular basis? Discuss with another believer if you see this slipping in your life.

2- Preparing for next Sunday Real Joy: Finishing Well - Part 2 Philippians 3:12-16

1. Read Philippians 3:12-16.
2. What are some of your main goals in this life?
3. What did Paul admit about himself? (12)
4. What was his desire? (12-14)
5. What did he know about those who disagreed with him, but who loved the Lord? (15) Why is this truth so important in our daily lives?
6. What was his desire for his spiritual brothers and sisters? (16)
7. Pray for someone as God leads.