

*Life in Color #7*

## Joy in Having the Right Pedigree

### Word

#### Scripture Reference

Philippians 3:1-11

#### Discussion Questions

1. If you were to update your list of accomplishments today, what recent achievement would you add?
2. Read Philippians 3:1-11. Paul was in prison but he was the one encouraging the free Christians to rejoice. He reminds us in this passage that joy is not based on circumstances but in the attitude we cultivate. Have you experienced being joyful even when the situation was not favorable to you? To what reason would you credit your joy?
3. Paul also warned the believers against false teachers who erroneously taught that Gentiles should first become Jews through circumcision before they can become Christians (v. 2-3). Discuss the present day “Judaizers,” those who add something else to saving faith besides faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior. How would you defend your belief to these Judaizers?
4. Pedigree is defined as the background or history of a person, especially as conferring distinction or quality. Verses 4-6 reveal to us Paul’s impeccable pedigree. What about your pedigree are you keen to boast about (i.e. birthright, personal accomplishments, etc.)? Do you get your self-esteem from these achievements?
5. When Paul met Christ on the road to Damascus and had his sight taken, he must have been humbled into realizing then the uselessness of his pedigree. In verses 7-9 we learn that Paul considered all of his outstanding achievements as “rubbish” compared with knowing Christ. Examine your heart. Can you honestly say with pride and joy that your spiritual pedigree—that of knowing Jesus Christ—is the

greatest of your achievements?

6. Without belittling your accomplishments especially if those were attained for the glory of God, why do you think your successes and achievements are trash compared to the greatness of knowing Christ? When examined, does your heart seek to pursue worldly accolades or to pursue the knowledge of Christ?
7. Paul willingly gave up everything, including his position and worldly success, in order to know Christ. What was he looking forward to instead that shows his confidence in Christ alone (v. 10-11)? What are you willing to part with in order to know Christ? Is your daily schedule so crowded that you don’t have time to spend with Him? Do your plans and desires keep you from knowing Christ more?

### Walk

How would you describe your spiritual pedigree? Are you living your life in such a way that it shows others you are of Christ and that you so look forward to the rapture and His imminent return?

As a Christian, is your greatest joy that of knowing Jesus Christ? Many people pass on this life without knowing Him. What are you doing to make Christ known to them? Are you like the Judaizers, who speak of Christ but only boast of their own accomplishments?

### Worship & Prayer

**Join the Corporate Prayer Time every Friday, 7:15-8:00pm at the Balcony**

Pray for...

- GCCP disciples to love God above all else.
- Blessings for New STEP quarter.
- Wisdom and guidance for the ongoing preparations for DVBS, Youth Camp and other summer activities.
- Healing for Mrs. Ong, Francisco So,
- Archie, Segundo Yu, Pedro Dyloco, FW.
- Recovery from surgery and good biopsy result for ML.
- Peaceful resolution of conflicts among neighbors. Wisdom for mediators.