

# HOW TO MAINTAIN YOUR JOY

## Enjoy the Adventure, Part 7

Philippians 3:1-11

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*Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your faith. Watch out for those dogs, those people who do evil, those mutilators who say you must be circumcised to be saved. For we who worship by the Spirit of God are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort...*

Philippians 3:1-3(NLT)

### 1. Legalism

**Definition of Legalism:** Substituting rules and regulations for my relationship to Christ.

**Examples of Legalism:** *Trusting in ...*

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*Though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more! I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault. I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done.*

Philippians 3:4-7(NLT)

### 2. Grace

*The person who sins will die.*  
Ezekiel 18:20(NAS)

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*  
Romans 3:23

*How foolish can you be? After starting your Christian lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort?*

Galatians 3:3(NLT)

### 3. I am a \_\_\_\_\_ of God, not a \_\_\_\_\_

*But when the right time came, God sent his Son... to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.... Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you His heir.*  
Galatians 4:4-7(NLT)

### 4. God is not just \_\_\_\_\_ us, but \_\_\_\_\_ us

*If God is for us, who can be against us.* Romans 8:31

*I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.*  
Philippians 3:10

*For my determined purpose is that I may know Christ—that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more strongly and more-clearly.*

Philippians 3:10 (Amp.)