

Today's Theme

“Round 2 - Joy Safe“

Series Title

“Finding Joy In Life” Part 16

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What's Needed To Safeguard My Joy?

1. **Beware** of those who would *steal* our joy.
2. **Stay true** to the *foundation* of our joy.
3. **Don't** be sidetracked by *religious* activity.
4. **Remain** *focused* on Jesus in life.

How To Keep Our Attention Focused

1. **Allow** Jesus to *change* us.

(1) Jesus *turns* our value system *upside* down.
Phil 3:7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

(2) *Nothing* compares to *knowing* Jesus as Lord.
Phil 3:8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, . . .

(3) We *give* up everything to get *one* thing.
Phil 3:8 for whose sake I have lost all things. . .

(4) Our *priorities* end up totally *changed*.
Phil 3:8 I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ
Heb 11:25 He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26 He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. 27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.

2 Peter 1:3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

2. **Replace** my righteousness with **God's**.

How To Receive God's Righteousness

(1) *Deny* my *own* righteousness for salvation.
Phil 3:9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law,

(2) *Reach* out to God by *faith*.
Phil 3:9 . . . but that which is through faith in Christ—
Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

(3) *Receive* God righteousness as a *gift*.
Phil 3:9 . . . the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.
Rom 3: 21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.
Rom 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,
Rom 8:10 But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.