



What Is a Better Brand of Happiness?

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Philippians 3:1-9

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Philippians 3:1-9 (NIV)

- 1 Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you.
- 2 Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh.
- 3 For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh—
- 4 though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:
- 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee;
- 6 as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.
- 7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.
- 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ
- 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

Many of the products we buy began as _____ of other things.

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The most promised and most elusive byproduct in the world is _____.

In contrast to the happiness offered by this world, the Bible offers a better brand of happiness called “_____.”

The _____ of joy shows up in nearly every paragraph of Philippians.

Sometimes it shows up as a _____.

Philippians 1:4: “I always pray with joy”

Philippians 1:25: “I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith.”

Philippians 2:2: “then make my joy complete by being likeminded...”

Philippians 2:28: “Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety.”

Philippians 2:29: “So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy...”

Philippians 4:1: “Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!”

Other times it shows up as a _____.

Philippians 1:18: “But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice...”

Philippians 2:17-18: “But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. 18 So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.”

Philippians 3:1: “Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you.”

Philippians 4:4: “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”

Philippians 4:10: “I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it.”

While joy is not the main topic of Philippians, it shows up as a _____ of living the Christian life in Philippians.

Big Idea: A better brand of happiness comes from choosing to rejoice in Jesus Christ and live like Jesus Christ.

Joy comes from _____; it is a choice.

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Philippians 2:3-7: "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness."