

Indestructible Joy – Week #5
The Joy Check – Phil.3:1-21

1. Pastor Brent said that if “Jesus is not your everything” Phil.3 reads rather weird to you? When have you ever felt like living for Jesus as Paul explains in Phil.3 has made you feel different from the world?
2. Explain what Pastor Brent meant when he asked “Is Jesus Mickey Mouse Eared to your life?” Have you have had a time where Jesus was “Mickey Mouse Eared” to your life? Explain. What kind of frustrations typically come your way when you live like that?
3. What did you learn about the Past, Present & Future aspects to Salvation as outlined in the New Testament? How is living in the “already not yet” stage both comforting and difficult?

Past	Present	Future
Have been Saved	Are being Saved	Will be Saved
Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Penalty of sin removed	Power of sin broken	Presence of sin no more

“Already not yet”

Pastor Brent’s 3 Gateway Words to help us remember the joy of our salvation:
Imputation, Participation, Anticipation.

4. **Imputation (3:1-9)**
 - a. Paul uses some shock & awe images in the section “Dogs & Dung” Why do think he does that?
 - b. What is the danger of a “works based salvation” and how do we sometimes fall into that legalism?
 - c. Explain “Imputation” as Paul describes it in 3:9 (Also 2 Cor.5:21)
 - d. How is this concept of salvation different from the other false religions of the world?
5. **Participation (3:10)**
 - a. Paul wants to participate fully in all the aspects of Christ’s mission – the highs and the lows. How did the illustration of “Batkid” help us understand participation in Christ’s mission?
 - b. How does this verse read “weird” for those who are not into Jesus?
 - c. Explain a time you felt a “powerful resurrection moment” while on mission with Jesus.
 - d. Explain a time you felt the “fellowship of the suffering moment” while on mission with Jesus
6. **Anticipation (3:11-21)**

- a. How did what we learned last week in Phil.2:10-11 help us understand the phrase in Phil.3:21 *“the power that enables to bring everything under his control”*?
 - b. Reflect on the phrase in Phil.3:21 *“will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body”* How should this help us anticipate heaven?
 - c. Paul uses the image of an athlete running a race finally into the arms of Jesus (Phil.3:12-14) How is this a good picture of the Christian life and final prize?
 - d. What are you looking forward to the most about heaven?
7. What is your most significant take away from Phil.3?

Consider making a submission to “Edify to Unify” to help build the unity of the church. And consider using the current list as a springboard for your prayer time.

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