

**“The Goal of Life”
Philippians Chapter 3
Part 1**

Intro: “The surpassing value of knowing Christ
Jesus my Lord”

Phil. 3:8, 10, 12, 17, 20-21

Jeremiah 9:23-24; John 17:3; Eph. 4:13

I. Some distinguishing qualities of the true believer vs. 1-3

Matt. 7:21-23; 13:3-23; 2 Cor. 13:5; Titus 1:16

James 2:14-26; 1 John 1:6-10; 2:3-4, 9-11; 2:15-17; 3:7-10

a) True believers rejoice in the Lord vs. 1a

Phil. 1:4, 18, 25; 2:2, 17-18, 28-29; 4:1, 10

Phil. 2:9-11; 4:8; Psalm 5:11; Psalm 33:1, 20-21

Isaiah 61:10; James 1:2; Psalm 16:11; 1 Peter 4:13

Isaiah 12:2-3; Romans 14:17; Gal. 5:16, 22

- Throughout this epistle, Paul’s emphasis is on an attitude of determination to rejoice in the Lord always. It’s a call to obey God’s Word, “walk by the Spirit” (Gal. 5:16), for joy is a fruit of the Spirit. (Gal. 5:22)

b) True believers exercise discernment vs. 1b-2

Eph. 4:11-14; 1 Cor. 2:14-15; Phil. 1:27-28; 2 Peter 1:12-15; 3:1

Rev. 22:15; Isaiah 56:11; Phil. 3:19; Col. 2:8

2 Tim. 3:1-6; 4:3-4; Gal. 5:1-3, 6; Matt. 15:2-3

c) True believers are the true circumcision vs. 3a

Romans 2:29; Deut. 30:6; Col. 2:8-14

Romans 6:6; Gal. 5:24; Eph. 2:5

d) True believers worship in the Spirit vs. 3b

John 4:23-24; Matt. 4:10; Psalm 29:2; 95:6

Gal. 5:25; Romans 12:1

e) True worshipers glory in Christ Jesus vs. 3c

Romans 15:17; Gal. 6:14; Jeremiah 9:23-24; 1 Cor. 1:29-31

**f) True worshipers put no confidence
in the flesh vs. 3d**

John 6:63; Phil. 3:9; Romans 7:18, 25

Romans 8:4-14; Gal. 5:16-24