

**PARTY POOPERS**  
**Choosing Joy Series Part 3**  
**May 19, 2013**

**Real joy is found in \_\_\_\_\_**

*“<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, be full of joy in the Lord. It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it will help you to be more ready. <sup>2</sup>Watch out for those who do evil, who are like dogs, who demand to cut the body. <sup>3</sup>We are the ones who are truly circumcised. We worship God through his Spirit, and our pride is in Christ Jesus. We do not put trust in ourselves or anything we can do, <sup>4</sup>although I might be able to put trust in myself. If anyone thinks he has a reason to trust in himself, he should know that I have greater reason for trusting in myself. <sup>5</sup>I was circumcised eight days after my birth. I am from the people of Israel and the tribe of Benjamin. I am a Hebrew, and my parents were Hebrews. I had a strict view of the law, which is why I became a Pharisee. <sup>6</sup>I was so enthusiastic I tried to hurt the church. No one could find fault with the way I obeyed the law of Moses.”* Philippians 3:1-6

**We must reject \_\_\_\_\_**

*“<sup>7</sup>Those things were important to me, but now I think they are worth nothing because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Not only those things, but I think that all things are worth nothing compared with the greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Because of him, I have lost all those things, and now I know they are worthless trash. This allows me to have Christ <sup>9</sup>and to belong to him. Now I am right with God, not because I followed the law, but because I believed in Christ. God uses my faith to make me right with him. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power that raised him from the dead. I want to share in his sufferings and become like him in his death. <sup>11</sup>Then I have hope that I myself will be raised from the dead.”* Philippians 3:7-11

**We must refocus \_\_\_\_\_**

*“<sup>12</sup>I do not mean that I am already as God wants me to be. I have not yet reached that goal, but I continue trying to reach it and to make it mine. Christ wants me to do that, which is the reason he made me his. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, I know that I have not yet reached that goal, but there is one thing I always do. Forgetting the past and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup>I keep trying to reach the goal and get the prize for which God called me through Christ to the life above.”*

Philippians 3:12-14

**We must resist \_\_\_\_\_**

**Extra Notes....**

**NEXT WEEK...**  
**“The Choice To Rejoice”**

