



# Philippians

## AN UNCOMMON JOY

### Chapter 3

With the right focus of mind (chapter 1) and the correct state of heart (chapter 2) one is ready to see with spiritual eyes. When we look at the destruction going on around us, the economic downturn in our country, the dishonesties in the politics of the day, loss of jobs, loved ones and the confinement to our homes, it is easy to see only the darkness. Paul knew that our earthly eyes often focus on earthly things. The secret of joy in all circumstances is to have our earthly eyes replaced with spiritual ones. He draws our attention to the landscape of being “in the Lord”. Our own accomplishments can change overnight. Who would have thought a month or two ago that we would be “sheltered in place”, unable to work, sick, threatened and exhausted to a point that many are about to lose their minds. In a moment everything earthly can change. When it does we need to be able to see through the fog. Paul calls the Philippians’ attention to Satan’s illusions and how they cause us to only see the temporary. Our eyes cannot be focused on our fleshly accomplishment but on our Lord who gives life, wins the prize and transforms us into someone like him.

Read Philippians 3:1-4:1 Take note of the chapter and paragraph titles on your worksheet #1. I have also made available to you a worksheet to take notes on Chapter 3

1. Where can rejoicing be found under all circumstances? Philippians 3:1-6

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2. How can our spiritual profit and loss statement keep our eyes on Jesus? Philippians 3:7-11 Hebrews 12:1-3

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3. How does forgetting the past help us see the future clearer? Philippians 3:12-16

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4. How is our citizenship in heaven a powerful tool of motivation to press on in God’s kingdom work? Philippians 3:17-4:1

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