

Introduction:

- A. True joy enables us to rise above the rolling waves of _____.
- B. Joy comes from a consistent _____ with _____.
- C. One of the chief joy-stealers of our day is the demands of human _____.
- D. We make a huge mistake when we _____ in something to _____ us that cannot _____ us.

FAITH RIGHTEOUSNESS

I. Paul’s _____ (3:7)

- A. Paul had to give up depending on whatever he had trusted in to improve his _____ with _____.
- B. Paul discovered, what most of us discover, that whatever we must give up to follow Christ is _____ it. (Mark 10:29-30)

II. Paul’s _____ (3:8-11)

- A. Paul gained a _____ of Christ (vs. 8a).
 - 1. This “_____” mean much more than knowledge _____ Christ.
 - 2. This surpassing greatness of knowing Jesus means to have a _____ with Jesus through _____.
- B. Paul gained the _____ of Christ (vs. 8b-9).
 - 1. Because the righteousness of Christ is an _____ bank account, those who trust in Christ to save them receive a _____ from Christ’s account into their own.
- C. Paul gained the _____ of Christ (vs. 10-11)
 - 1. It was a _____ experience.
 - 2. It was a _____ experience (Eph. 3:20).
 - 3. It was a _____ experience (Col. 1:24).
 - 4. It was a _____ experience.
 - a. Death to Life theme (Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:3; Rom. 6:5; 2 Cor. 4:10).

Conclusion:

- A. Any path to God other than the one that places our trust and confidence in the righteousness of Jesus is _____.
- B. How does a person receive the righteousness of Christ?
 - 1. By _____ in and _____ Jesus for salvation (Jn. 3:16; Phil. 3:9).
 - 2. By _____ from trust in our self-righteousness, selfishness, and self-rule (Acts 3:19).
 - 3. By putting on the righteousness of Christ in _____ (Gal. 3:26-27).
 - 4. By _____ in Christ (Col. 2:6-7).
- C. Poem by John R. Rice, “I Met My Master Face to Face”

Answer Key: Intro.A. circumstance. B. relationship, Jesus, Christ. C. achievement. D. trust, save, save. I. Losses. I.A. standing, God. I.B. well, worth. II. Gains. II.A. knowledge. II.A.1. knowing, about. II.A.2. personal, relationship, faith. II.B. righteousness. II.B.1. unlimited, transfer. II.C. fellowship. II.C.1. personal. II.C.2. powerful. II.C.3. painful. II.C.4. purposeful. Concl.A meaningless. B.1. believing, trusting. B.2. repenting. B.3. baptism. B.4. remaining.