

DIGGING DEEPER



Series: Just What I Always Wanted
Unwrapping the Best Gifts of Christmas
Sermon: **The Gift of Joy**
Scripture: Selected Passages in Philippians

GETTING STARTED

Discuss a memorable gift you have received and tell why it was so special to you.

BIBLE STUDY

1. We learned on Sunday that Paul wrote the letter to the Philippians while he was under house arrest and facing an uncertain future. How does that knowledge impact your reading of this letter, especially what it has to say about the subject of joy?
2. Read Philippians 3:1-2. How does a faith that is based upon “works” have the potential to rob us of joy?
3. How was Paul affected by the concern the Philippians demonstrated for him while he was facing hardship and difficulty (Philippians 4:10)?
 - What lesson can we learn from this about ministering to others in their hour of need?
4. How does Paul’s sentiment expressed in Philippians 1:14-18 indicate he took to heart his own teaching from Colossians 3:13?
5. Even though it is clear from Philippians 3:2-6 that our joy does not come from futile righteousness, what do we learn in Philippians 2:16-18 about the value of service to the Lord?

APPLY IT

Select one area that we discussed on Sunday to focus your prayers and attention on as you seek to experience Biblical joy in the coming weeks.

- Praising Jesus Christ (Worship)
- Proclaiming Jesus Christ (Witnessing)
- Producing for Jesus Christ (Serving)
- People of Jesus Christ (Fellowship)