

Rooted in the Word weekly readings

for:

May 12-18, 2014

Scripture: Philippians 3:1-11.

Begin each daily devotional reading with prayer. Ask that God would speak to you through His Word and through the Holy Spirit.

May 12: Read Philippians 3:1-11. What themes does Paul address in this passage of scripture? Remembering that Paul doesn't write in chapter and verses (as our Bible is laid out) do these verses fit together in one unit?

May 13: Read Philippians 3:1-11. Focus on verse 1. Paul calls the church to "rejoice." What does rejoicing do in the Christian life? How is it a "safeguard for you" (NIV)?

May 14: Read Philippians 3:1-11. Focus on verses 2-3. Who does Paul say the church is to "watch out for" in verse 2? How do those we watch out for contrast with who the church is according to verse 3? How does this relate to your life?

May 15: Read Philippians 3:1-11. Focus on verses 4-6. Paul lists what used to make him feel spiritually secure. What might we list as spiritual credentials that we might point to as evidence of our spiritual condition? Are they true or false indicators?

May 16: Read Philippians 3:1-11. Focus on verses 7-9. Paul contrasts two concepts of "righteousness," one based on Paul's efforts and one that "comes from God and is by faith" (NIV). What change does that make in Paul's life? What does this mean for your walk with Christ, the church and the world?

May 17: Read Philippians 3:1-11. Focus on verses 10-11. Paul is focusing on the events of Good Friday and Easter in these verses. What does it mean for you to have Good Friday and Easter as your focus in life?

May 18: Read Philippians 3:1-11. Spend time in prayer thanking God for His Word, asking that He would continue

to speak to you through the Spirit, this passage and the message on Sunday morning. Pray for the preacher and our congregation.