



## ***“Joy In Growing”***

### ***Philippians 3***

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Paul has made no secret of the fact that he wants the Philippian believers to be growing spiritually. Examples from chapter 1:

### ***Chapter 3: Three Threats To Our Spiritual Growth***

**Threat 1: Failing To Understand The Importance Of \_\_\_\_\_ . (vss.1-3)**

1. There are things about our faith that we need to repeat over and over again. Why? And for how long? (vs.1)
2. Paul is concerned about the false teaching of the Judaizers. Who were they? (vs.2)
3. Why is growing in our knowledge of doctrine important?
4. There are two types of doctrines we need to know:

Hills-to-\_\_\_\_\_ -on doctrines.

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Examples of the first:

5. What sets apart the hill-to-die-on doctrines?

**Threat 2: Failing to Understand the Gospel (i.e. the Grace of**

\_\_\_\_\_ . (vss.4-11)

1. What's Paul saying in verses 4-6? What changed his thinking?

2. What two words does Paul use to describe the old doctrine he used to believe (that salvation was all about his goodness)? (vss.7-8)

3. Why does Paul give this idea up? What does he receive in exchange for playing at religion?

4. What are some ways that failing to understand the Gospel will affect me?

### **Threat 3: Failing To Understand How To Grow In**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Love and Holiness. (vvs. 12-21)**

What are some things Paul wants the Philippians to understand about his own journey of growing in holiness?

➤ That his journey is still \_\_\_\_\_ . (vs.12)

➤ That, as he explained in 2:12-13, while Christ's grace bookends his life, there is still a \_\_\_\_\_ that he needs to do. (vss.13-16)

➤ That there is real \_\_\_\_\_ we can make in our lives  
which others can \_\_\_\_\_. (vss. 17)

➤ That there are real \_\_\_\_\_ we face  
for not growing. (vss.18-19)

➤ That there is a real \_\_\_\_\_ waiting for  
those who do grow. (vss.3:20-21)