

Hope and Joy in the Midst of Adversity
“Hope and Joy!” - It’s WHO You Know That Matters!
Philippians 3:1 - 4:1 (page 815)

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Hope and Joy Come by K n o w i n g Jesus (3:1-11)

- I can’t change things in my o w n p o w e r (vs 1-7)
- Jesus changes e v e r y t h i n g! (vs 8-11)

Hope and Joy Come by P u r s u i n g Jesus (3:12-16)

- I am to f o r g e t the past and l e a n into the future
(vs 12-14)
- I am to be m o r e like Jesus t o d a y than I was
y e s t e r d a y (vs 15-16)

Hope and Joy Come by L o o k i n g to Jesus (3:17-4:1)

- I need to follow the r i g h t examples (vs 17-19)
- I am to live with an e t e r n a l perspective (vs 20-4:1)

The question(s)....

1. W h e r e is my hope centered? Is J e s u s my treasure or is it in what the w o r l d offers me?
2. Where is my joy centered? In m y o w n abilities to handle adversity or in knowing J e s u s more intimately and trusting H i m to lead me through it.

The answers will determine how I will respond when adversity comes into my life...*anxiety* and *defeat* or *hope* and *joy*.