



SUNDAY NIGHT SERIES

REASON TO REJOICE #6

Unbeatable Retirement (Philippians 3:15-21)

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Introduction: We live in a world filled with sorrow, trials, and turmoil. On Sunday nights we are considering Paul's letter to the Philippians. Each week we are noticing the reasons he gave them to rejoice. So far in this series we have noticed how he told them to rejoice over unshakable fellowship, unsinkable faith, unshakable unity, unshockable ministry, unstoppable zeal... and now it's about an unbeatable retirement. Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. Unbeatable Retirement Leads Us To Spiritual Maturity (3:15-16)

**Philippians 3:12-14, Luke 9:23, Romans 12:1-2, II Corinthians 5:7,
Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 119:105, Deuteronomy 5:32-33, Hebrews 12:1-2**

II. Unbeatable Retirement Leads Us To A Splendid Pattern (3:17)

**Philippians 3:12, I Corinthians 4:16, I Corinthians 11:1, Philippians 2:17-30,
I Peter 2:21-25, Colossians 3:12-17**

III. Unbeatable Retirement Leads Us To Supernatural Knowledge (3:18-19)

**Philippians 3:10, I Thessalonians 4:1, Jude 18, Matthew 7:13-14, Acts 20:31,
Philippians 1:9-11, 27, Philippians 2:2-3, Philippians 1:29, Philippians 3:10,
Colossians 3:2**

IV. Unbeatable Retirement Leads Us To Secure Citizenship (3:20-21)

**John 3:1-17, Ephesians 2:19, Colossians 1:13, I Thessalonians 2:12,
I Thessalonians 4:13-18, I Corinthians 15:42-54, Revelation 21:1-5,
I John 3:2**

Conclusion: Why do we wait so long to make things right with the Lord? We have an unbeatable retirement plan, but the benefits are available now! **I John 5:13** tells us that John wrote his letter for one purpose: *These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.* Do you know you are saved? Have you taken the appropriate steps to salvation? Don't wait until it's too late. You can have a reason to rejoice tonight! Will you allow Paul's message to change your heart? Have you experienced the joy of salvation? Have you been added to the family of God? The Lord is ready to bring you into the body of Christ! Do you need to refill your joy cup? The Lord is ready to give you His joy, if you will receive it. Give your life to God!