

Philippians 3:1-3

Beware of the False Christian

Also Turn To
Acts 8:9-25

(Review)

- Learning By Example
- God Uses Regular People
- 2 Good Men
- Loving The Work Of Christ More Than Life

Today's Outline

- Rejoice In The Lord!
- The Bible Repeats Things So That You Don't Miss Them.
- Beware Of False Christians
- Marks Of A True Christian

Philippians 3:1-3

- 1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you *is* not tedious, but for you *it is* safe.
- 2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation!
- 3 For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,

Philippians 3:1

1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord...

Chairō (Rejoice)

- 1) to rejoice, be glad
- 2) to rejoice exceedingly
- 3) to be well, thrive

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1 ... For me to write the same things to you *is* not tedious, but for you *it is* safe.

asphalēs (Safe)

- 1) firm (that which can be relied on)
- 2) certain, true

Philippians 3:2

Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation!

blepō (Beware)

- 1) to see, discern
- 2) to see with the mind's eye
 - a) to have (the power of) understanding
 - b) to discern mentally, observe, perceive, discover, understand

Kyōn (Dog) An Unbeliever

Revelation 22:14-15

14 Blessed *are* those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.
15 But outside *are* **dogs** and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

Philippians 3:2

... beware of evil workers, ...

kakos (Evil)

- 1) of a bad nature
 - a) not such as it ought to be
- 2) of a mode of thinking, feeling, acting
 - a) base, wrong, wicked
- 3) troublesome, injurious, pernicious, destructive, baneful

Philippians 3:2

..., beware of the mutilation!

katatomē (False Circumcision)

- 1) to cut up, mutilation
- 2) false circumcision (NASB)
- 3) those mutilators who say you must be circumcised to be saved (NLT)

Beware Of False Christians Is A Major Theme Of The New Testament

Matthew 7:15-16

15 "Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. 16 You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act.

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Acts 20:29

For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous **wolves** enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

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2 Peter 3:15-17 And remember, the Lord's patience gives people time to be saved. This is what our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you with the wisdom God gave him—

16 speaking of these things in all of his letters. Some of his comments are hard to understand, and those who are ignorant and unstable have twisted his letters to mean something quite different, just as they do with other parts of Scripture. And this will result in their destruction.

17 I am warning you ahead of time, dear friends. Be on guard so that you will not be carried away by the errors of these wicked people and lose your own secure footing. 18 Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Things That **DON'T** Make You A Christian

- Saying You're a Christian

Matthew 7

21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Things That **DON'T** Make You A Christian

- Saying You're a Christian
- Saying A 4 Line Prayer
- Getting Baptized

Acts 8:9-25

The Sorcerer's Profession of Faith

Things That **DON'T** Make You A Christian

- Saying You're a Christian
- Saying A 4 Line Prayer
- Getting Baptized
- Believing Doctrine

Knowing Doctrine Doesn't Make You Saved

- **James 2:19** You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror.

Things That **DON'T** Make You A Christian

- Saying You're a Christian
- Saying A 4 Line Prayer
- Getting Baptized
- Believing Doctrine
- Acting Religious

Luke 11

39 Then the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but your inward part is full of greed and wickedness. 40 Foolish ones! Did not He who made the outside make the inside also? 41 But rather give alms of such things as you have; then indeed all things are clean to you. 42 "But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, **and pass by justice and the love of God.** These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. 43 Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces. 44 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like graves which are not seen, and the men who walk over them are not aware of them."

Philippians 3:3

3 For we are the **circumcision**, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,

- **Romans 2:29** but *he is* a Jew who *is one* inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise *is* not from men but from God.

Philippians 3:3

3 ..., who **worship** God in the Spirit,...

Latreuō (worship)

- 1) to serve for hire
- 2) to serve, minister to,

*Used 21 times in the New Testament
serve 16, worship 3, do the service 1,
worshiper 1*

Worship / Serve

Matthew 4:10 - Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

Philippians 3:3

3 ..., rejoice in Christ Jesus,...

- **Acts 7:41** And they made a calf in those days, offered sacrifices to the idol, and **rejoiced in the works of their own hands.**
- **Romans 5:2** through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

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3 ... and have no confidence in the flesh,

- **Ephesians 2:8-9** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.
- **1 Corinthians 4:7** For who makes you differ *from another*? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive *it*, why do you boast as if you had not received *it*?

Matthew 22:36-40

- 36 "Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?"
- 37 Jesus said to him, " *'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'*
- 38 This is *the* first and great commandment.
- 39 And *the* second *is* like it: *'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'*
- 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

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