

REJOICING IN THE LORD JESUS ALONE

An Exposition of Philippians 3:1-3
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Sermon Outline

1. PAUL'S COMMAND TO REJOICE! (v1)

This is a joy that is inward and independent of all outward circumstances.

It is entirely based on who Christ is and what He has accomplished for us.

2. THE WARNING TO 'WATCH OUT' (v2)

For “dogs”, “evildoers”, those who “mutilate the flesh”

3. THIS WAS ALL CONCERNING THE RITE OF “CIRCUMCISION” (v3a)

- History of circumcision

Circumcision began with Abraham (Gen 17:10-11)

It was a symbol – an outward sign of the faith he already possessed. (Rom 4:10-11)

- Enter: the Gospel

Believers are circumcised in heart. (Rom 2:28-29)

4. FAITH IN JESUS ALONE IS THE ONLY CRITERION FOR SALVATION (V3b) (Col 2:11; Col 2:13)

- We worship God in the spirit
- We glorify God
- We have no confidence in our flesh

Bible Study Questions

- 1. How was Paul able to maintain his joy during his imprisonment? (See 1:25; 2:18;28-29; 3:1) What was the basis of his joy? What is the difference between joy and happiness?**

- 2. Define the three denunciations Paul made in verse 3. Of whom was he talking about?**

- 3. What is circumcision? To whom did God first give the rite of circumcision, and for what reason? (Gen 15:6; Gen 17:10-11) Was the sign of circumcision given before or after Abraham believed God? (Rom 4:10-11)**

- 4. Why were the Jews so adamant that Gentile believers be circumcised? (Acts 15:1) What was Paul's response to this and why? (Gal 5:12; Gal 6:15)**

- 5. How does Christian circumcision differ from Jewish circumcision? (Rom 2:28-29; Col 2:11, 13)**

- 6. What does it mean to worship God in the Spirit? What is the boast of the believer? (Gal 6:14)**

- 7. Can anyone trust in anything or anyone other than Christ alone for salvation? (Jn 6:63b)**