



# The Source of JOY

Philippians 3:1-3

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## Intro to Chapter 3

THE EMPHASIS IN CHAPTER 3 IS ON 'WHAT REALLY MATTERS!'

vv. 1-11 Paul's Past <i>The Accountant</i> "I count" • New Values	vv. 12-16 Paul's Present <i>The Athlete</i> "I press" • New Vigor	vv. 17-21 Paul's Future <i>The Alien</i> "I look" • New Vision
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## Message Section

### TRUE BELIEVERS

#### 1. Find their \_\_\_\_\_ only in the Son of God.

**Philippians 3:1, NASB95** - <sup>1</sup> Finally [or "now hear this"], *my brethren, rejoice* [the root word for this word is "joy"] *in* [in the genitive case (indicating source)] *the Lord. To write the same things again is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.*

**Philippians 3:1, NLT** - <sup>1</sup> *Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your faith.*

**Biblical JOY, found only in Jesus Christ but accompanied by God's calming presence, is the ability to see spiritual truths and eternal realities amidst any situation.**

#### 2. Reject \_\_\_\_\_ opposed to God's way.

**Philippians 3:2, 3b, NASB95** - <sup>2</sup> *Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision... and put no confidence in the flesh....*

THREE-FOLD WARNING ABOUT 'JUDAIZERS'

**Dogs (Gk: kunas)**—not pets. These were scavengers who fed on roadkill and were unclean. "Dogs" was a name used by the Jews as an insult to Gentiles who didn't keep dietary laws.

**Evil-doers (Gk: kakous ergatas)**—also, *barbed irony*, used as an insult to those who focused on the strict keeping of the law (think 'works') for salvation.

**Mutilators (Gk: katatoma)**—the Gk. word for 'circumcision' is *peritoma*, used as a *play on words* by Paul, indicating that they are mutilating a biblical understanding of salvation.

*By using an alliteration, Paul is impaling the Judaizers on their own words.*

*By using an alliteration, the Philippians would never forget it.*

**POINT: We cannot add legalistic requirements to a gospel of grace.**

**Philippians 3:2, 3b, NLT** - <sup>2</sup> *Watch out for those dogs, those people who do evil, those mutilators who say you must be circumcised to be saved...(for we) put no confidence in human effort.*

#### 3. Offer \_\_\_\_\_ only to the One True God.

**Philippians 3:3a, NASB95** - <sup>3</sup> *for we are the true circumcision [a play of words indicated "True Believers"], who worship [ascribe worth/value] in the Spirit of God and glory in [it's all about] Christ Jesus....*

**Philippians 3:3, NLT** - <sup>3</sup> *For we who worship by the Spirit of God are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort.*

**Philippians 3:3, TLB** - <sup>3</sup> *For it isn't the cutting of our bodies that makes us children of God; it is worshiping Him with our spirits. That is the only true "circumcision." We Christians [give] glory [for] what Christ Jesus has done for us and realize that we are helpless to save ourselves.*

## Life Application Section

- What is the source of true, biblical joy?
- What is the definition of true, biblical joy?
- Do you have it—true, biblical joy?

Answers: 1. Joy, 2. Everything, 3. Worship.