

Episode 22 — Guarding the Gospel

Text: Philippians 3:1–3 (CSB)

Episode Summary:

As Paul begins Philippians 3, his tone sharpens with a warning meant to protect the church. In this episode, we explore Paul’s call to guard the gospel from subtle distortions—particularly the temptation to place confidence in human effort rather than in Christ alone. Philippians 3:1–3 reminds believers that true worship flows from the Spirit, true boasting rests in Christ, and lasting peace comes when confidence is not anchored in the flesh.

Key Themes:

- Protecting the purity of the gospel
- Rejoicing as spiritual safeguard
- Confidence in Christ, not performance
- Worship shaped by the Spirit

Key Scripture:

“We are the circumcision, the ones who worship by the Spirit of God, boast in Christ Jesus, and do not put confidence in the flesh.” — Philippians 3:3 (CSB)

Takeaway Truth:

The gospel remains steady when our confidence rests fully in Christ and not in our own spiritual performance.

For Application:

Examine where your confidence rests today. Pray for clarity and humility, asking God to help you trust fully in Christ’s finished work rather than in your own efforts.

Series Focus:

This episode begins the Philippians 3 section by warning against subtle distortions of the gospel and calling believers back to Christ-centered confidence and joy.