

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. Philippians 3:1

Rejoice In The Lord

We can rejoice in the Lord because of the great things He has done.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Psalm 32:11

Has the Lord done something good in your life? Are you rejoicing in that truth today?

We Need Reminders

We need to continue to be reminded of the Gospel.

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the Gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:1–2

Are you allowing the Gospel to be preached to you?

There Is Safety In Joy

Rejoicing in the Lord protects us from the danger around us.

Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

Nehemiah 8:10

Do you have the shield of joy?

Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.

Philippians 3:2

The False Teachers Were Outside The Faith

We look out for false teachers because they are not part of the family of God.

For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Jude 4

Are you allowing those outside the faith to guide you?

The False Teachers Were Evildoers

We look out for false teachers because they are not doing the work of the Lord.

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

Colossians 2:8

Do we understand that the evil one is at work to take us captive?

The False Teachers Twisted The Gospel

We look out for false teachers because they teach a false Gospel.

But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.

Galatians 1:8

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For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh.

Philippians 3:3

God's People Worship By The Spirit

The Spirit indwells believers and we are able to worship God in everything we do.

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

John 4:23

Do you live your life as an act of worship to our King?

God's People Glory In Christ

The word for glory here literally means to boast.

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2 Corinthians 12:9

What do you tend to boast in?

God's People Put No Confidence In The Flesh

The grounds for the Christian's confidence is the finished work of Christ, not ourselves or our works.

Though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he has reason for the confidence in the flesh, I have more.

Philippians 3:4

Where does your confidence lie?

So Today, Let Us...

Be on the lookout for false teachers because they are people outside the faith who want to take us captive with a false gospel.

We avoid those dangers by being reminded of the Gospel and the finished work of Christ. Because we have the Spirit we are able to worship Him and rejoice over the great thing He has done in our life.