



Watch Out for Religious People.

Philippians 3: 1-6

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BIG IDEA: Watch out for religious legalism that will only promote a false gospel and quench the Spirit.

Philippians 3 ² Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³ For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—

Two Important Lessons:

Watch out for religious people who teach salvation by faith + works.

American Gospel: Christ Alone YouTube

Watch out for religious people who teach salvation by faith + license.

What did Jesus really teach?

John 14:15 "If you love me, you will obey what I command.

Matt 7: 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. NIV

Application: As you go through your week, evaluate your lifestyle and choices. Do they show that you really believe in Jesus to the point of obeying him?

Fast from social media, internet news, talk radio, etc. Instead, spend time in being quiet, Bible reading, going on a walk, etc.

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Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.

Philippians 3:1-2

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

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

Philippians 3:4

circumcised on the eighth day, of
the people of Israel, of the tribe of
Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews;
as to the law, a Pharisee;

Philippians 3:5

as to zeal, a persecutor of the
church; as to righteousness
under the law, blameless.

Philippians 3:6



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A study of Philippians

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