

**THE DANGER OF LEGALISM**  
(Philippians 3:1-3) pt 1

\* Some **general observations** to note:

1. This chapter reminds us that we live the Christian life the same way we got saved, – by \_\_\_\_\_ alone through \_\_\_\_\_ alone in \_\_\_\_\_ alone.
2. All of this reminds us again, that it is not what we \_\_\_\_\_ for God, but rather what God has already \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ through us, by His grace, as we simply \_\_\_\_\_ in Him. Only this will properly motivate us to \_\_\_\_\_ to grow in our relationship with Him.
3. We again see that “\_\_\_\_\_ *in the Christ who saved us*” is the \_\_\_\_\_ of this epistle.

**I. The Exhortation to Heed: “Keep \_\_\_\_\_ In The Lord” (3:1)**

1. Legalism rejoices in man’s \_\_\_\_\_ to do something to please God.
2. But, **true joy** flows from a \_\_\_\_\_ on the person & work of \_\_\_\_\_ , Who is the Lord!
  - How can rejoicing in the Lord be accomplished?
    - a. By continuing to \_\_\_\_\_ believers the life transforming \_\_\_\_\_ from the Word of God.
    - b. This teaching aspect has \_\_\_\_\_ sides to it:
      - 1) from the teacher’s aspect: “*for me to write the \_\_\_\_\_ to you is not tedious*”.
      - 2) from the pupil’s aspect: “*but for you it is \_\_\_\_\_*”

2 Timothy 4:1-4

Isaiah 55:1-3

c. The **value** of expository preaching with a grace orientation or emphasis:

- 1) It allows \_\_\_\_\_ to speak rather than \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) It brings the preacher into direct \_\_\_\_\_ with the mind of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) It forces the preacher to proclaim \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

4) It promotes biblical\_\_\_\_\_.

5) It carries ultimate\_\_\_\_\_.

6) It \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_.

d. Shepherding God's flock also involves: (Acts 20)

## II. The Warning Concerning Legalists: \_\_\_\_\_ (3:2)

1. There is an emphasis on this warning as it is repeated \_\_\_ times concerning these legalists

- Who is he talking about here?

2. How does Paul describe them?

a. As \_\_\_\_\_, as this described their \_\_\_\_\_.

b. As \_\_\_\_\_, as this described their \_\_\_\_\_.

c. As the \_\_\_\_\_, as this describes their \_\_\_\_\_.

## III. The Facts Concerning True Circumcision (3:3)

1. For we (believers) are the \_\_\_\_\_ circumcision

- What does this mean? (Col 2:10-ff)

2. We worship God in the \_\_\_\_\_ & in \_\_\_\_\_.

3. We are to rejoice or \_\_\_\_\_ only in Christ Jesus.

4. We are to have no confidence in the \_\_\_\_\_!