

Philippians:
“Experiencing Joy In God’s Sovereignty”

Scriptural References

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Otherwise Noted)**

Chapter 3:1-3 - “The Need For Discernment Can’t Be Overstated”

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Philippians 3:1-3:

[1] *Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.*

[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*

3 Key Takeaways For Tonight’s Passage:

As believers & followers of Christ...

1. We need safeguards in our lives to protect our spiritual health
2. We have to know God’s Word and be aware of the spiritual dangers around us
3. We have to hold fast to the faith that we’ve received by the Holy Spirit’s work in our hearts

Relating To Verses 1-3:

John 15:11

These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Galatians 5:12

I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

John 3:3

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Deuteronomy 10:16

Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn.

Ezekiel 36:26

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Jeremiah 4:4

Circumcise yourselves to the LORD; remove the foreskin of your hearts, O men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem; lest my wrath go forth like fire, and burn with none to quench it, because of the evil of your deeds.

Jeremiah 9:25

Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will punish all those who are circumcised merely in the flesh

Romans 2:28-29

For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.