



Title: Rejoice in Christ, Not in the Flesh

Text: Philippians 3:1-7

1. Beware of False Followers (v. 2)

2. Recognize the Marks of True Believers (v. 3)

3. Reject Self-Righteous Confidence (vv. 4–7)

Life Application Questions:

1. Why does Paul warn the Philippians about the “dogs,” “evildoers,” and those who “mutilate the flesh” (v. 2)? Who were these people, and why were they a threat to the gospel?

2. In verse 3, Paul says, “we are the circumcision.” What does he mean by that, and how does it redefine true identity in Christ?

3. Paul lists his impressive religious credentials in verses 4–6. What do these qualifications tell us about his background and former values? How might people today rely on similar credentials for their spiritual identity?

4. In verse 7, Paul says, “whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.” What does this reveal about the transformation in his life and priorities? What practical steps can we take to ensure that our confidence is in Christ and not in our works, background, or reputation?