

FAITH NOT WORKS

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Philippians 3:1-11

Philippians 3:1 (NIV84) Finally, my brothers, **rejoice in the Lord!** It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a **safeguard** for you.

Three safeguards to help protect your joy...

I. Be on guard against _____.

A. Legalism focuses on the _____, not the spirit.

Philippians 3:2 (NIV84) Watch out for those **dogs**, those men who **do evil**, those **mutilators** of the flesh.

Philippians 3:3 (NIV84) For it is **we** who are the **circumcision**, we who **worship** by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh--

B. Legalism focuses on _____ not grace.

Philippians 3:4 (NIV84) though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:

5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; **6** as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for **legalistic righteousness**, faultless.

C. If it's not _____, it's not _____!

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV84) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- **9** not by works, so that no one can boast.

II. Be on guard against false _____.

A. Your righteous deeds are _____ compared to knowing Jesus.

Philippians 3:7 (NIV84) But **whatever** was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

8 What is more, I consider **everything** a **loss** compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost **all things**. I consider them **rubbish**, **that I may gain** Christ **9** and be found in him,

Phillips' translation: "I consider it all mere **garbage** compared to being able to win Christ..."

B. Your righteousness comes from _____ in Jesus, not your good works.

Philippians 3:9b (NIV84) Not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ --**the** righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

III. Be on guard against false _____.

A. Your ambition should be to know _____!

Philippians 3:10a (NIV84) I want to **know** Christ and the power of his resurrection

Philippians 3:10b-11 (NIV84) and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, **11** and so, **somehow**, to attain to the resurrection **from** the dead.

B. How do you get to know GOD intimately?

1. _____.

2. _____.

3. _____.

IV. Conclusion

A. Maybe you've become _____?

B. Maybe you've never put _____ in Jesus?

Romans 6:23 (NIV84) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

<p>Salvation is by GRACE alone, through FAITH alone, in CHRIST alone!</p>
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