

Watch Out

PHILIPPIANS – Part 9

June 7, 2026

¹Further, my brothers and sisters, 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. ²Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. ³For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised 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; ⁶as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. ⁷But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

Philippians 3:1-7

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

John 17:3

The Warning

- ✓ **Watch out for those dogs**
- ✓ **Watch out for evildoers**
- ✓ **Watch out for the mutilators**

As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!

Galatians 1:9

A Description of People Who Know Jesus

1. We serve God by his Spirit

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.

Romans 8:9

2. We boast in Christ Jesus

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Galatians 6:14

3. We put no confidence in the flesh

Small Group Discussion Questions for the Week of June 7, 2026.

Opening

1. What would you rather have right now, Joy or Happiness? Why?

Digging Deeper into the Scriptures

Read Philippians 3:1-7.

1. Why do you think Paul notes that writing the "same things" (repeated teachings) is a good safeguard for them? What are some spiritual truths you need to be regularly reminded of?
2. What is some false or troubling Christian teaching you have heard before? How does that false teaching steal joy?
3. What are some current examples of putting "confidence in the flesh" rather than relying on God's grace?

Applying the Scriptures

1. In verse 7, Paul states that whatever was once a "gain" to him, he now considers a "loss" for the sake of Christ. What are some earthly "gains" or securities that you find hardest to let go of?
2. What does it look like in your daily life to practically count worldly success as "loss" compared to the surpassing value of knowing Jesus?