



Rejoice in the Lord

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NT Reference: Jn. 4:23 – 24; Rom. 8:9; 12:1; Gal. 6:14,15; Eph. 2: 8 – 9

Philippians 3:1 – 3 *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^[b] and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—*

In this text, the Apostle Paul encourages the Philippians believers to _____, warns them of false teachers, and reminds them of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

➔ We should rejoice in the Lord and _____ in His work.

Question: In who or what is my _____?

➤ Expectation for Christians.

- They are _____
- They are knowledgeable of the _____.

➤ Exhortation to Christians: _____!

¹⁵ *Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves. (Mat 23:15 ESV)*

“Beware of those who would emphasize the legal observance of certain rituals to the exclusion of a commitment of heart to Jesus Christ.” – James Draper

➤ Explanation of who we are as Christians.

For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. (Gal 6:15 ESV)

- We worship in _____.

This also means “serve” – worship is action.

It’s the same kind of language in Romans 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Rom 12:1 ESV)

²³ *But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” (Joh 4:23-24 ESV)*

- We give all the _____ (glory) to Jesus.
- We take no confidence in the _____.
 - _____
 - _____/Effort

⁸ *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Eph 2:8-9 ESV)*

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