

BEWARE OF FALSE
RELIGION; TRUE BELIEVERS

Philippians 3:1b-3

I. Repetition Is Beneficial For God's People – vs. *1b*

Philippians 1:27-29

1) The Gospel

2) Testing For True Saving Faith

2 Corinthians 13:5

Matthew 3:7-8

Matthew 7:21-23

Matthew 13:18-23

Acts 8:9-24

2 Timothy 3:5

Titus 1:16

James 2:17-20

1 John 2:3-4

Jude 4

II. Watch Out For Counterfeit Gospels – vs. 2

Kýōn – a wild, scavenger, unclean dog

Kakós – evil, harmful

Ergatēs - workers, doers, a person who does some activity

Katatomē – the cutting of or into body tissues or organs

Acts 15:1-3, 5, 23-24

Romans 2:25-29

Galatians 1:6-9

Ephesians 2:8-9

Matthew 7:13-15

Acts 20:28-31

2 John 9-11

III. Characteristics Of True Believers – vs. 3

1) Worship God in the Spirit

Latreúō - to render religious service or homage, to worship.

Matthew 4:10

Acts 27:23

Romans 1:9

Hebrews 12:28

Galatians 5:22-25

2) Rejoice in Christ Jesus

Kauchaómai - to speak loud, be loud-tongued

Romans 2:23

Romans 5:11

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

1 Corinthians 15:10

Ephesians 2:8-9

3) Have no confidence in the flesh

John 6:63

Romans 7:18

All through the epistles the flesh stands for self, the self that seeks to justify itself, that endeavors to sanctify itself, that is always fussily endeavoring to win men for God but has never learned to be submerged beneath the mighty tide and current of God's Spirit. If your religious life is one of self-effort and self-complacency, you must stand back. It is not for you to handle the priceless pearl, your eyes cannot detect its superlative beauty, excellence and worth, but let all humble souls who have nothing in which to glory save the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, who put no confidence in themselves but wholly rest upon the unmerited grace of God, lift up their faces with exceeding great joy. These are the true children of Abraham. - F.B. Meyer

Closing Thought: God's people must be aware of counterfeit gospels, and ready to stand in opposition to them. All of those listening today must test themselves against what true saving faith looks like: worshipping in Spirit, glorying in Christ, and having no confidence in the flesh. How do you stack up?