

Phil 3:1-9

START

- PRECAUTION THAT WILL PROTECT US -

FINALLY = "NOT IN CONCLUSION" BUT
"AS FOR THE REST"

"I AM WRITING THE SAME THINGS" ---
THE SAME THINGS - OVER & OVER AGAIN

- PAUL IS JUBILANT WHEN HE SAYS IT -

I AM NOT WEARISOME OR TROUBLESOME

IN SAYING IT OVER AGAIN !!!

"BECAUSE"

THIS IS FOR YOUR SAFETY (US)

IT IS A SAFEGUARD OR SECURITY

(IN VS 1-3)

WE HAVE 3 "SAFEGUARDS" OR

"PRECAUTIONARY" THOUGHTS ---

WHICH WILL SERVE AS A PROTECTOR

- ① REJOICE IN THE LORD - ①
- ② RESIST THE ENEMY - ②
- ③ REFRAIN FROM THE FLESH - ③

"THREE PROTECTIVES"

I REJOICE IN THE LORD - (vs 1)

THIS IS NOT SIMPLY REPEATING THE
EXPRESSION --- THOUGHT THIS IS ---
THE KEYNOTE OF THE EPISTLE ---

"BUT"

REALIZING THE EXPERIENCE !!!

"IT IS"

"IN THE LORD" ARE YOU IN CHRIST?
THEN PAUL SAYS (4:4) "REJOICE IN THE
LORD ALWAYS; AND AGAIN I SAY REJOICE"
"NO LESS THAN 18 TIMES"

① IS THE LORD IN YOUR HEART -
"REJOICE"

① HAVE YOU ~~SAW~~ ^{SEEN} YOUR NEED FOR
CHRIST -- "REJOICE"

② HAVE YOU REPENTED FROM SIN --
"REJOICE"

③ HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED CHRIST
IN YOUR SPIRIT & SOUL ---
"REJOICE"

--- "JOY IS A FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT -
JOY IS NOT BASED ON --- "WHAT"
HAPPENS OR CIRCUMSTANCES

IF YOU HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT -- YOU HAVE "JOY"

⑧ IS HEAVEN YOUR HOPE -
"REJOICE"

① WHEN YOU ARE PRAISED -
REJOICE "IN THE LORD"

THEY SAID: EVEN THE DEMONS
ARE SUBJECT TO US - - -
DON'T REJOICE - BUT IN
YOUR NAME IS WRITTEN IN HEAVEN

② WHEN MEN "REVILE" YOU +
PERSECUTE YOU - & SAY ALL
MANNER OF EVIL AGAINST YOU -
BECAUSE:

YOU ARE SERVING ME !!!
"REJOICE"
BE GLAD - GREAT IS YOUR
REWARD - "IN HEAVEN"

③ IS THE HOLY SPIRIT YOUR HELPMATE -
REJOICE

- I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH
CHRIST - - - THE JOY OF THE
LORD - IS MY STRENGTH
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II] RESIST THE ENEMY - (2)

"BEWARE" - BE ON THE ALERT !!!

(A) BEWARE OF DOGS -

JESUS SAID: "GIVE NOT THAT WHICH IS
HOLY UNTO DOGS - NEITHER CAST
YOUR PEARLS BEFORE SWINE"

AMONG THE ANCIENTS - DOGS STOOD FOR
CERTAIN HUMAN QUALITIES - - -

① FOR THE GREEK -

FEROACITY - FIERCE, SAVAGE IN
CONDUCT

IMPUDENCE - "CONTEMPTUOUS WITH
BOLDNESS" - "DISREGARD FOR
OTHERS" - "NO DISCRETION"

② FOR THE JEW -

"DEGRADATION" & "UNCLEANNESS"

③ THEY ARE MEN WITH A "QUARREL SOME" & "CONTENTIOUS" SPIRIT - - "BEWARE" -

MISCHIEF MAKERS:

CHURCH BEWARE - THEY MAJOR ON
MINOR THINGS - WHICH WEAKENS THE
MESSAGE & MINISTER OF THE CHURCH -

Ⓑ BEWARE OF EVIL WORKERS -
DOGS EXEMPLIFIES "DEVOURING ERROR"
"WHILE"

EVIL WORKERS EXEMPLIFIES "
"DECEITFUL TACTICS" -

THEY ARE NOT SET UPON "DOING HARM"
TO THE CHURCH - BUT THEY "LOSE
SIGHT" OF THE WHOLE - "BY BECOMING!"

FANATICAL - UNBALANCED - - UNABLE
TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN - "A PART" &
"THE WHOLE"

THESE PEOPLE MAGNIFY
SOME MICROSCOPIC POINT UNTIL IT
BLINDS THE "SYMMETRY" & "BEAUTY" OF
HEAVENS GLORIOUS SCHEME -

THEY EXAGGERATE THE IMPORTANCE OF
TRIFLES - THAT BECOME A DETRIMENT
TO "TRUTH" & "LOVE"

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO EXAGGERATE THE
HARM - THESE PEOPLE CAN DO - TO THE CHURCH

THEY HOLD HIGH MORAL STANDARDS -
YET ARE "WORKERS OF INIQUITY"

② BEWARE OF THE CONCISION - ②
CONCISION MEANS: "MUTILATION" --
CUTTING INTO PIECES

(A PLAY ON WORDS FOR CIRCUMCISION) --
KEEP A WATCHFUL EYE ON JUDAIZERS
WHO ADD TO GRACE -- "THE LAW" --

III] REFRAIN FROM THE FLESH - ③

THE RELIGION OF THE JEWS WAS OF WORKS
HENCE -- "A RELIGION OF FLESH" --

→ THE ACT OF CIRCUMCISION -- CUTTING OF FLESH --
WAS HELD IN HIGHER ESTEEM THAN CHRIST --
THUS -- IT BECAME A CORRUPTED CEREMONIAL
PAUL SAYS:

TRUE CIRCUMCISION IS WORSHIPING INWARD:

① WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT --

(NO CERTAIN OUTWARD FORM OR
SPECIFIED RITUAL -- NO -- GOD IS
WORSHIPED IN:

① EVERY THOUGHT --

② EVERY MEDITATION --

③ EVERY PERFORMANCE OF
DUTY + MINISTRY --

(ROM 12:1-2)

② REJOICE IN CHRIST JESUS -

BECAUSE -- WE HAVE NOTHING

① IN OURSELVES TO COMMEND --

(JUST CHRIST ALONE)

IN HIM -- WE ARE --

① SAVED BY GRACE -

② DISCIPLINED BY GRACE -

③ KEPT BY GRACE -

REJOICE
IN
CHRIST

④ NO CONFIDENCE IN FLESH - ⑤

— THE OLD NATURE -- THE OLD SELF --
CANNOT BE TRUSTED —

THAT WHICH IS BORN OF FLESH --
IS STILL FLESH -- NEVER CHANGED!!!

(JOHN 3:6)

— FLESH LUSTS AGAINST THE SPIRIT
— SPIRIT AGAINST FLESH -- (GAL 5:17)

CHECK YOURSELF -- AM I SPIRITUAL?

STOP