

Re-Focus on the Prize (Philippians 3:1-8)

- ✓ Philippians 1 – Paul and His *Perspective* (v. 21)
- ✓ Philippians 2 – Paul and His *Pattern* (v. 5-8)
- ✓ Philippians 3 – Paul and His *Prize* (v. 14)

Paul's prize was to be like Christ. This is to be our prize as well.

I. A _____ to Rejoice (v. 1)

Here Paul reminds us of the theme of his letter as he commands this attitude.

With the phrase "*in the Lord*," Paul draws our attention to the _____ in which our joy exists. This joy is not based upon our _____ but upon our _____ relationship with our sovereign God.

As we meditate upon the blessings of salvation, the greatness of our God, His amazing, never-ending love displayed upon the cross of Calvary, we ought to be ever joyful despite our circumstances.

****What you rejoice in says a lot about you!****

****Our attitude determines our actions.****

Example: King Jehoshaphat in 2 Chronicles 20

Sing in battle—sing in the midst of the storms of life and "*see the salvation of the LORD!*"

II. A _____ to Remember (v. 2-3)

A. _____ of false teachers (v. 2)

"*dogs*" –Dogs in Biblical times were not pets but strays. They were without a _____.

Philippians 3:18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:*

"*evil workers*" – Paul speaks of those who were seeking to _____ the Gospel.

Philippians 3:19 Whose end is destruction, *whose god is their belly*, and *whose glory is in their shame*, who mind earthly things.)

"*concision*" – this word literally means "_____."

B. Be _____ in the truth (v. 3)

John 8:32 And ye shall now the truth, and the truth shall make you free. God has given us the truth of His Word to help us rejoice in the time of storm.

	False Teachers	True Believers
Acceptable Worship	In the _____ / Rituals	In the _____
Rejoice	_____	_____
Confidence	_____	_____ Work