

What Really Matters

...

Letting go of Self Righteousness
Philippians 3:1-6

Three Reasons Paul is Writing to the Philippians

1. Suffering
2. Disunity
3. Opponents

Main Idea

We must stand firm in our identity with Christ so that we don't become self-righteous.

**Children of God are
aware of self-righteous
living.**



Philippians 3:1-2

Finally, my brothers, 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. Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh.

Self-righteousness: thinking your actions make you a good Christian before God.

3 Ways Paul Exposes Self-Righteous Character

Watch out for those...

1. Dogs
2. Evildoers
3. Mutilators of the flesh

Philippians 3:4-6

though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:

circumcised 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; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

Psalms 24:3-4

Who may ascend the mountain of
the Lord?

Who may stand in his holy place?
The one who has clean hands and a
pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol
or swear by a false god.



**Children of God are
confident of their
identity.**



Philippians 3:3

For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. But we have been truly circumcised. We worship God by the power of his Spirit.



John 3:30

He must increase, but I must decrease.