

SERMON NOTES

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Sermon: Safeguarding the People of God; Philippians 3:1-6

Main Point: Paul warns the followers of God to know their enemies and to know their identity.

NOTES

- Beware of false _____ (Phil. 3:2)
 - Dogs
 - Evil workers
 - False circumcision
- Be assured of your true _____ (Phil. 3:3)
 - Worship in the Spirit of God
 - Glory in Christ Jesus
 - No confidence in the flesh
- Beware of false _____ (Phil. 3:5-6)
 - Birth, Nationalism, Lineage, Background, Standard, Sincerity, Morality

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Read Philippians 3:1-6

Reflection Questions:

1. What are the attributes and dangers of a false teacher?
2. Name some of the heretical teachings that are around today. What ways can we best respond to those who follow such teachings?
3. Why does Paul use such strong language toward false teachers?
4. Why is it important to resist legalism and false gospels?
5. According to Paul in Philippians 3:3, what are the three distinguishing marks of a genuine Christian?
6. Consider the seven foundations of false security (birth, nationalism, lineage, background, standard, sincerity, morality). Which source is most enticing for you? Why?
7. Do you consistently believe that your righteous status before God is solely based on the work of Christ? Where in your life are you tempted to achieve your own righteousness before God based on your own works?

Some questions adapted from: David Chapman, *Philippians: Rejoicing and Thanksgiving*, Focus on the Bible Commentary (Ross-shire, Scotland: Christian Focus, 2012), 216.