

Edgemont Bible Church
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Philippians

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Intro: Continuing the thought from 2 which is a continuation from 1:26-27

IX. Distinguishing Qualities of Believers

A. They Rejoice or Have Joy - Phil 3:1a

1. Finally

a. **Loipon** - something remaining (adverbially):--besides, finally, furthermore, (from) henceforth, moreover, now, + it remains, then.

b. furthermore, so then, now then - a word of Transition, not conclusion

2. Joy

a. Theme of Philippians

i. 4 words, used 18 times in 4 chapters

- **chairo** - used 68 X's in NT - Phil 1:18; 2:17,18,28; 3:1; 4:4,4, 10

- **chara** - used 57 X's in NT - Phil 1:4,25; 2:2,29; 4:1

- **sugchairo** - used 7 X's in NT - Phil 2:17,18

- **kauchema** - used 11 X's in NT - Phil 1:26; 2:16

ii. Translated Joy, Rejoice, Rejoicing, and Gladness

b. Rejoice - **Chairo** - to be "cheer"ful, i.e. calmly happy or well-off; especially as salutation (on meeting or parting), be well:--farewell, be glad, God speed, greeting, hall, joy(- fully), rejoice. - Php 4:4; 1Th 5:16

B. They Exercise Discernment - Phil 3:1b- 3a

1. Discernment, Like Faith, needs to grow

a. For me to write the same things to you - I'm about to say something of which I have already warned you

b. is not **tedious**, but for you it is **safe**.

i. **Okneros** - tardy, i.e. indolent; **irksome**, grievous, slothful.

ii. **Asphales** - secure, certain(-ty), safe, **safeguard**, sure.

2. Discernment recognizes dangers - **Beware** - **Blepo** - to look at, behold, beware, lie, look (on, to), **perceive**, regard, see, sight, **take heed**.

i. of dogs, - Isa 56:10;

- **Kunarion** - Dog as in pet

- **Kuon** - a dog, refers to wild scavengers that plagued ancient cities, they roamed in packs and occasionally attacked humans. They were despised and frequently the term was used derogatorily

ii. of evil workers, -

- **Kakos** - worthless, i.e. depraved, or injurious, bad, evil, harm, ill, noisome, wicked.

- Biblically can refer to the evil in a heart - Mr 7:21; harm that happens - Ac 16:28; evil works Ro 1:30; 2:9; the sin that is in us - Ro 7:19,21; that which is contrary to Love - Ro 13:10; 1Co 13:5; that which we will give and account for at the judgment seat of Christ - 2Co 5:10; that which we need to put to death in us - Col 3:5; that which can be discerned by the mature - Heb 5:14;

- **Ergates** - a toiler; a teacher;--laborer, worker(-men).

iii. of the mutilation! - Ro 2:28; Ac 15:1

- **Katatome** - a cutting down (off), mutilation (ironically);--concision.

- Circumcision was important to Jews, but God wanted more - De 10:16; 30:6; Jer 4:4; 9:25;

- Both Jerusalem council and Paul condemned the teaching - Acts 15:1-29; Gal 1:6-9; 2:16-24; 3:2-14, 22-25; 5:1-4, 11-14

3. For we are the circumcision

a. **Peritome** - circumcision (the rite, the condition or the people, circumcised, circumcision.

b. In contrast to the false, we are those that God has circumcised our hearts - De 10:16; 30:6; Jer 4:4; Ro 2:29; 4:11-12; Col 2:11

C. They Worship God in the Spirit -

1. God is looking for and is actively providing for this kind of person - Joh 4:23-24; Ro 7:6;

2. **latreuo** - to minister (to God), i.e. render religious homage;--serve, do the service, worship(-per).. Could be translated, to render respectful spiritual service and would include doing good and the sacrifice of praise - Heb 13:16; there are

2. Cont. - *There are* several characteristics to true worship

a. Love of God - Rom 1:30

b. Joy - Neh 8:10; demonstrated by singing - Ps 33:1; 84:2; 92:4; 95:1; 98:4; Eph 5:19-20; Col 3:16

c. Confident trust that produces Peace - Ps 73:25; Mt 6:33; Phil 4:7

3. True worship, ministry is that which is empowered or generated by the Holy Spirit

D. They Glory in Christ - rejoice in Christ Jesus,

1. **kauchaomai** - to vaunt (in a good or a bad sense):--(make) boast, glory, joy, rejoice.

2. Paul's general statement on this - Ga 6:14

E. They do not put confidence in the Flesh

1. **peitho** - to convince (by argument, true or false); by analogy, to pacify or conciliate (by other fair means); to assent (to evidence or authority), to rely (by inward certainty):--agree, assure, believe, have confidence, make friend, obey, persuade, trust, yield.-- Jas 1:14-16

2. **Sarx** - flesh, the body, or (by implication) human nature (with its frailties (physically or morally) and passions),

a. Why?

b. Jo 6:63; Ro 7:18; 8:4; 2 Co 11:18