

**BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE**

**SERMON OUTLINE**

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**#11 - SERIES: PHILIPPIANS**

**“Christ - “The Believer’s Joy”**

**TODAY’S MESSAGE:**

**“The Things that Really Count”**

**PHILLIPIANS 3:1-9**

We're going to be thinking, this morning, on "The Things that Really Count. You will notice, in verses 7, 8, that Paul is talking about the things that really count. If it's a life of legalism, then it's not a life that counts. The Apostle Paul had lived a life of legalism, and he'd had enough of it.

Before he goes into details about the life that counts he first gives us several insights that will help us understand the life that counts. So, there are three precautionary thoughts given to serve as a protective for the children of God.

**FIRST - REJOICE IN THE LORD V-1.**

**SECONDLY - RESIST THE ENEMY V-2.**

There were three things for which they were to watch out.

- ◆ **“Beware of dogs”.**
- ◆ **“Beware of evil workers.”**
- ◆ **“Beware of *concision*/ “mutilation”**

**THIRDLY - REFRAIN FROM THE FLESH V-3**

The religion of the Judaizers was a religion of works, hence a religion of the flesh, but “we worship God in the spirit.” *Secondly*, we who are of the true circumcision “rejoice [glory] in Christ Jesus.”

*Finally*, we “have no confidence in the flesh.”

So, therefore, I want you to learn two things in the message this morning:

1. **The bankruptcy of the old man**
2. **the wealth of the new man.**

**I. The Bankruptcy of the Old Man Vs. 4-7**

Let's notice the things that Paul might have been proud about.

1. **The Pride Of Ritual V-5**
2. **The Pride of Relationship V-5**
3. **The Pride of Respectability v-5**
4. **The Pride of Race V-5**
5. **The Pride of Religion V-5**
6. **The Pride of Reputation V-6**

**II. The Wealth of the New Man Vs. 8-9**

Now look at the Wealth of the New Man:

- A. **The Knowledge of Christ v-8**
- B. **The Fellowship of Christ V-9**
- C. **Righteousness Through Christ V-9**

If the Apostle Paul needed to be saved, then so do you. He's coming soon, and:

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne. (Keith W. Ward)