



Pastor Jeff's Daily Devotion  
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Philippians 3:1-6

**<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh. <sup>3</sup>For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— <sup>4</sup>though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>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; <sup>6</sup>as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.**

Paul is telling believers everywhere to beware of those who want to steal our freedom in Christ; those who want us to believe that being right with God has to do with the externals. Paul says that true believers are the ones who worship God in Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. The only way that anyone can be right with God is through God's grace because of what Jesus did at the cross. If anybody could be right with God because of their works it would have been Paul. He followed all the rules to the letter, but it was only exterior. There will always be legalistic people who try to convince you that you need to do what they say in order to be right with God. Rejoice today in the fact that you are free not because you deserved it but because of God's grace.

Oh Lord, let me truly today rejoice in the freedom that You have bought me through what Jesus did at the cross.