

WATCH OUT!

February 23, 2020 Philippians 3:1-7

Have you lost your joy? True joy is only found in Jesus. A great joy robber is **DO IT YOURSELF RELIGION**. It is the way the apostle Paul was raised.

1. Watch out for dogs (3:2)

- Paul called the Judaizers dogs. Who were they? Acts 15:1,5
- Why dogs? Think of a junk yard dog feeding on garbage and running in a pack like wolves. Dangerous.
- They thought there were righteous vs. “evildoers.”
- They called themselves “the circumcised,” vs. “mutilators of the flesh.”
- An outward religion but actually they were far from God.
- In reality, they are enemies of the cross of Christ. 3:18
- Their end is destruction. Their god is their appetite. 3:19
- Their mind is on earthly things. 3:19
- How does Paul know so much about them? He was one himself.

2. Your good works are nothing in God’s eyes (so put your faith in Jesus)

- Paul called it “confidence in the flesh.” 3:3 “Look how good I am.”
- Paul listed 7 things in which he once trusted. Think “resume.”
- What’s on your list or resume?
- Good works will not get you into heaven!
- Paul said that all that he once considered “gain,” he now saw as loss.
- True joy is found in knowing and serving Jesus. 3:7-8