

Tell It Like It Is
Philippians 3:1-9

In our context this morning Paul uses some strong language in telling the Philippians about a group of men who were compromising the gospel of Jesus Christ.

1. Paul tells them to rejoice in the Lord.

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you *is* not tedious, but for you *it is* safe.

Philippians 3:1

2. Paul tells them to rejoice in their circumcision in the Lord.

For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Philippians 3:3

3. Paul tells them to beware of the Judaizers.

Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation!

Philippians 3:2

4. Paul tells them about his former life as a Pharisee.

Though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

Philippians 3:4-6

5. Paul tells them about his new life in Jesus Christ.

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith.

Philippians 3:7-9