

Paul's Letter of Joy

How To Go To Heaven

Philippians 3:1 - 7

A stone staircase with a curved railing leads upwards into a bright, cloudy sky. The sun is shining brightly, creating a lens flare effect. The overall scene is inspirational and suggests a path to heaven.

***Are You Going
to Heaven?***

Philippians 3:1 - 11

The Goal of Life

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2 Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision;

3 for we are the *true* circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh,

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Outline of Paul's Message

Philippians 3:2 - 11

v. 2 ***Description of false teachers***

v. 3 - 11 ***Description of true believers***

Description of False Teachers

Philippians 3:2

- ***Dogs***

Anyone belonging to Jeroboam who dies in the city the dogs will eat. And he who dies in the field the birds of the heavens will eat; for the Lord has spoken it.

1 Kings 14:11 (NASB)

**His watchmen are blind,
All of them know nothing.
All of them are mute dogs unable to bark,
Dreamers lying down, who love to slumber;
And the dogs are greedy, they are not satisfied.
And they are shepherds who have no understanding;
They have all turned to their own way,
Each one to his unjust gain, to the last one.**

Isaiah 56:10-11 (NASB)

Description of False Teachers

Philippians 3:2

- ***Dogs***
- ***Evil workers***
- ***False circumcision***

with all joy, and hold men like him in high regard;

30 because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was deficient in your service to me.

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Signs of True Believers

Philippians 3:3

1. Worship in the Spirit

Woman At The Well

John 4:16 - 25



**Whom have I in heaven but You? And
besides You, I desire nothing on earth.**

Psalm 73:25 (NASB)

**O God, You are my God; I shall seek
You earnestly; My soul thirsts for You,
my flesh yearns for You, In a dry and
weary land where there is no water.
Thus I have seen You in the sanctuary,
To see Your power and Your glory.**

Psalm 63:1 -2 (NASB)

**As the deer pants for the water brooks,
So my soul pants for You, O God. My
soul thirsts for God, for the living God;
When shall I come and appear before
God?**

Psalm 42:1 -2 (NASB)

Signs of True Believers

Philippians 3:3

- 1. Worship in the Spirit***
- 2. Glory in Christ Jesus***
- 3. No confidence in the flesh***

Paul - No Confidence In The Flesh

Philippians 3:4 - 6

- 1. Circumcised the 8th day***
- 2. Citizen of the nation of Israel***
- 3. Descendant of the tribe of Benjamin***
- 4. A Hebrew of the Hebrews***
- 5. A Pharisee***

Paul - No Confidence In The Flesh

Philippians 3:4 - 6

6. Persecutor of the church

7. Blameless with respect to the Law

Counted As Lost For Christ

Philippians 3:7

- ***Paul used to think his credentials gained him eternal life in heaven.***
- ***Now Paul considers those same things as lost in order to gain heaven.***

**Epaproditus is an
example of love,
humility and sacrificial
service.**