

Requirements for Pursuing Christ

Philippians 3:1-3

Introduction

Hebrews 12:1 ...since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith...

1 Corinthians 9:24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.

Philippians 3:1-3 1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things again is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you. 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

#1 Sustain a _____ of joy 1a

3:1a Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord

Psalms 16:11b In Your presence is fullness of joy

Romans 8:31b If God is for us, who is against us?

#2 Remain _____ 1b-2

1b-2 To write the same things again is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.

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

2 Peter 2:2 Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; 3 and in their greed they will exploit you with false words;

Galatians 1:14 I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions.

#3 Maintain _____ Christianity 3

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,

1st Genuine _____ 3a

3a for we are the true circumcision,

Deuteronomy 10:16 circumcise your heart, and stiffen your neck no longer. **Deuteronomy 30:6** the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live

Jeremiah 4:4a Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, And remove the foreskins of your heart

Romans 2:29 he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.

Romans 6:17 thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

1-WANTS 2-WILLING 3-WORSHIP 4-WHOLE 5-WORD

2nd Genuine _____ 3b

3b who worship in the Spirit of God,

Isaiah 29:13 *this people draw near with their words, And honor Me with their lip service, But they remove their hearts far from Me, And their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote*

Acts 7:51 *You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit*

John 4:23 *an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers*

Romans 12:1 *I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.*

Matthew 4:10 *You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.*

3rd Genuine _____ 3c

3c and glory in Christ Jesus

Jeremiah 9:23-24 *Thus says the Lord, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; 24 but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the Lord.*

1 Corinthians 15:10 *by the grace of God I am what I am,*

4th Genuine _____ 3d

3d and put no confidence in the flesh

Romans 8:4 *do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit*

Galatians 6:3 *For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.*

Colossians 1:29 *For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.*

1 Corinthians 15:10b *I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.*

A. _____ await you

B. Two basic commitments are EXPECTED

C. Two _____ are to be avoided

D. Be UNBENDING with the gospel

Galatians 1:8 if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!

E. Pursue the right EXAMPLES

F. Make it your passion to _____ Christ

QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS - BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD...

- 1-Why is rejoicing so important to the Christian life, and why don't Christians do more rejoicing?
- 2-What does discernment look like in the life of a healthy Christian? What extremes should be avoided?
- 3-How can you determine the difference between genuine born again Christianity and external religion?
- 4-Why do Christians have a weak view of worship? How can we change our view to a biblical understanding of worship?
- 5-We all fear pride, so we don't boast in Christ. How can we learn to boast in Christ in a healthy manner?
- 6-What steps can I take to live each moment of every day believing in my inability and trusting in Christ's ability?

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