# Paul's Letter of Joy

# How To Go To Heaven Philippians 3:1 - 7

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## Philippians 3:1 - 11

The Goal of Life

3 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,

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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

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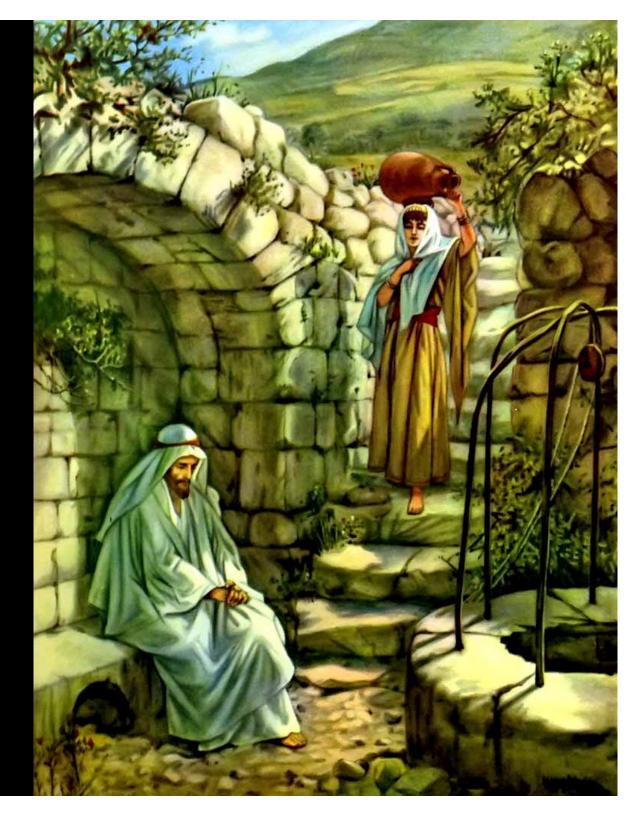
#### Signs of True Believers

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.

