

Scripture: Ten Commandments (Ex. 20) & Philippians 3
Singing: 134:1-3 – 235:2 – 332:1-4 – 189:1-4 – 170:1-4

Let's Study Philippians (22)

Paul's Rallying Call

I. Rejoice II. Reject

I. AS BELIEVERS WE ARE TO REJOICE IN THE LORD

A. Paul's reminders to rejoice is something we all need (vs. 1)

B. What is to 'rejoice in the LORD?'

1. to remember we have great, good, faithful Savior as our Lord Matt. 28:18
2. to remember that we have a Savior Who is knows we are human Heb. 4:15

C. To be able to 'rejoice always in the Lord we need to look always to the Lord.

1. Obey the direction of Hebrews 12:1-3 (Phil. 1:7)
2. Spiritual joy is vastly apart from the world's joy

II. AS BELIEVERS WE ARE TO REJECT ALL WHAT IS NOT ACCORDING TO THE GOSPEL

A. Paul has already warned about the enemies of the Gospel: 1:27-30

1. Why then repeat this again (vs. 1b)?

B. Walking safely means we need to *separate ourselves from all who compromise the Gospel message.*

1. Notice how *fierce* Paul's language becomes in vs. 2

2. Who is Paul talking about in this verse?

3. What did these mutilators of the Gospel teach?

a. added to the Gospel the *poison of legalism and ritualism*

b. what does that mean practically, even today?

C. Paul's instruction is the rally cry of the Reformation: *Soli Christi!*

1. Jesus admits no rival savior – no partner in salvation!

a. Christ-plus is blasphemy (Confession of Faith, art, 22)

b. Christ-plus is the end of all hope for sinners

c. Christ-plus is end of all spiritual joy and peace

D. Don't interpret **Christ-Along** to mean leave-my-way-of-life-alone: Phil. 3:13ff

The Repose of the Cross

My Saviour, Thou hast offered rest, oh, give it, then, to me;
The rest of ceasing from myself, to find my all in Thee.

This cruel self, oh! how it strives and works within my breast,
To come between Thee and my soul and keep me back from rest.

How many subtle forms it takes of seeming verity,
As if it were not *safe* to rest and venture all on Thee.

And yet it was not little price that bought this rest for me;
It was purchased at the mighty cost of Jesus' agony.

I only enter on the rest obtained by labors done;
I only claim the victory by Him so dearly won.

And, Lord, I seek a *holy* rest, a victory over sin;
I seek that Thou alone shouldst reign over all, without, within.

In quietness, then, and confidence, Saviour, my strength shall be;
And, "*Take* me, for I cannot *come*," is still my cry to Thee.

In Thy strong hand I lay me down, so shall the work be done.
For who can work so wondrously as an Almighty One?

Work on then, Lord, till on my soul eternal light shall break;
And in Thy likeness perfected, I, 'satisfied,' shall wake

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