

I. Introduction:

II. Watch Out for the Spiritual Terrorists. v. 2-3

- A. The Judaizers Corrupted the Gospel in Paul's Day. v. 2b Gal. 2:12**
- 1. They Claimed to Represent the True Faith of the Bible.**
 - 2. Yet They were Trying to Compel Gentile Believers to Submit to the Ceremonial Requirements of the Old Covenant (Including Circumcision). Acts 15:1**
 - 3. They Present a Grave Threat to the Health of the Church. v. 2a Mt. 23:15**
 - 4. They Do not Represent True Judaism: False Circumcision. Gen. 15:6**
- B. Dogs Threaten You Today! How Can You Spot a Rabid Dog? .**
- 1. Fleshly righteousness.**
 - 2. Fleshly authority.**
- C. We are the True People of God! v. 3 *The true "Catholic" Church***
- 1. The True Circumcision: Children of Abraham. Rom. 2:28-29 Gal. 3:6,26-29 6:16
I Pet. 2:9-10. Dt. 10:16 30:6 Jer. 4:4 Ro. 4:11 Isa. 29:13**
 - 2. We Worship in the Spirit of God. John 4:24 Rev. 22:3 15:4**
 - 3. We Place no Value in Our Fleshly Efforts. Rom. 3:20 I Cor. 1:31 Gal. 6:14**
 - 4. We Glory in Christ Jesus!**

III. Don't Place Your Confidence in the Flesh. v. 4-6

- A. If Anyone Could Have Fleshly Confidence, it is Paul. v. 4-6 II Cor. 11:22f**
- 1. He Enjoyed Every Religious Advantage from Birth. v. 5a**
 - 2. Paul Worked Hard to Gain Religious Merit. v. 5b-c**
- B. Many Today Place Confidence in the Flesh.**
- 1. Privilege and Heredity:**
 - 2. Religious Merit. Mt. 23:25-26 Mark 7:6-7**

IV. Put All Your Confidence in Christ. v. 7-9

- A. All of Your Supposed Assets are Actually Liabilities. v. 7**
- 1. Paul's Dramatic Conversion. Acts 9 22 II Tim. 1:15**
 - 2. Your Trust in Fleshly Merit is Weighing You Down. Acts 27:18-19,38 Mt. 16:26**
- B. Jesus Christ is the Only Asset Worth Having. v. 8**
- 1. He is the Pearl of Great Value. Mt. 13:45-46**
 - 2. You Can Only Gain Him by Forsaking Every Other Hope! Mt. 6:26 Mk. 10:21**
 - 3. Do You Know Him? John 17:3 II Cor. 4:6 I Cor. 8:1-3**
 - 4. He Offers to Give You the Riches of His Merit (Assets) in Exchange for Your Liabilities (Debts)! II Cor. 8:9**
- C. There are Only Two Religions from Which You Must Choose. v. 9**
- 1. The Religion of Human Effort will Never Make You Righteous! Isa. 64:6 Ro.**
 - 2. The Religion of Grace Saves as God Gives the Righteousness of Christ as a Free Gift to those who Repent and Believe. Tit. 3:5 Eph. 2:8-9 II Co. 5:18-21 Ro. 3:23f
Gal. 2:16 3:10-11,16**
 - 3. The Goal of Faith is More of Christ. v. 10-11**

V. Conclusion