



A PLACE TO BELONG
and *Grow*

Welcome
to your home church!



A low-angle shot looking up at a dense forest canopy. Sunlight filters through the leaves, creating a bright, starburst effect in the center. The leaves are a vibrant green, and the tree trunks are dark and silhouetted against the light.

Thriving In Christ
Part 3: Beware of Dogs
Philippians 3:1-11

“Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.”

-Philippians 3:1



DNR confirms cougar sighting near Lansing

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CLINTON COUNTY, MI -- The state says it has confirmed the presence of a cougar in Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources says the cougar was photographed near the Rose Lake State Wildlife Area in Bath Township by a 21-year old Haslett man in the early hours of June 21.

“Christian joy is a good feeling in the soul, produced by the Holy Spirit, as he causes us to see the beauty of Christ in the Word and in the world .”

-John Piper

*What does your faith need to be
kept safe from?*

“Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.”

-Philippians 3:2



BEWARE

**OF
DOG**

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“But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, ‘Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.’”

-Acts 15:1

“For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh – though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:”

-Philippians 3:3-4

*“circumcised on the eighth day,
of the people of Israel, of the
tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of
Hebrews; as to the law, a
Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor
of the church; as to righteousness
under the law, blameless.”*

-Philippians 3:5-6

The Judaizer's Bragging Categories:

- 1. Heritage*
- 2. Racial Purity*
- 3. Personal Accomplishments*
- 4. Mistreatment of Outsiders*
- 5. Good Works/Lack of Sin*

“But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith – that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.”

-Philippians 3:7-11

- *We thrive in Christ when we stand united*
- *We thrive in Christ when we both do the right actions and have the right motives*
- *We thrive in Christ when we **KNOW** Christ*

Know (gnonai): *to acquire information by whatever means, but often with the implication of personal involvement or experience.*

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”

-2 Corinthians 3:17-18

