

# WISDOM FROM GOD'S WORD

*Joy in Jesus Christ*  
Beware  
Philippians 3:2

**Truth:** Christians are to be on their guard against those who add to the biblical doctrine of salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone.

## 1. Spiritual discernment.

- Spiritual discernment - perception, insight, or judgment; the wisdom to understand God's truth as it pertains to the realities of life.
- Spiritual gift of discernment - to know the secret things of the heart: one's purposes, motives, feelings, intents.

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## 2. The need for spiritual discernment.

- Beware - to look carefully at, to see clearly for the purpose of taking action.

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- Dogs - wild and vicious in character; the Judaizer's theology.
  - Salvation by faith **and** works.
  - Salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone.

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- Evil workers - bad workmen; the Judaizer's program.
  - Religious rituals, ceremonies, works.
  - Religious works do not save anyone.

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- The mutilation - circumcision; the Judaizer's sign.
  - Circumcision of the flesh is the sign of covenant membership.
  - Circumcision of the heart is the sign of salvation.

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