

# THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST

## Philippians 3:7-9

### Introduction

One aspect of human nature that we all have in common is that we always want that which is better. However, this aspect of human nature doesn't seem to translate to our spiritual life.

In this passage, the writer Paul is stating there is something in life better than anything from a human perspective, and we can possess it. Paul wants us to understand the role the "righteousness of Christ" can play in our lives. He gives us some principles we must understand in order to experience the benefits.

### I. GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS & MAN'S RIGHTEOUSNESS (vv. 7-8)

John 8:46 *Jesus said, "Which one of you convicts me of sin?"*

### II. MAN'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS INSUFFICIENT (v. 8)

1 Samuel 16:7 *"For the Lord does not see as man sees. Man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."*

### III. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD (v. 9)

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Resources: *Philippians*, James Montgomery Boice; *Calvin's Commentaries: The Gospels*, John Calvin; *Living & Loving Life Jesus*, Brandon Cook; *Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon*, William Hendrickson, Matthew Henry's Commentary (Vol. 6); *The Message of Philippians*, Alec Motyer