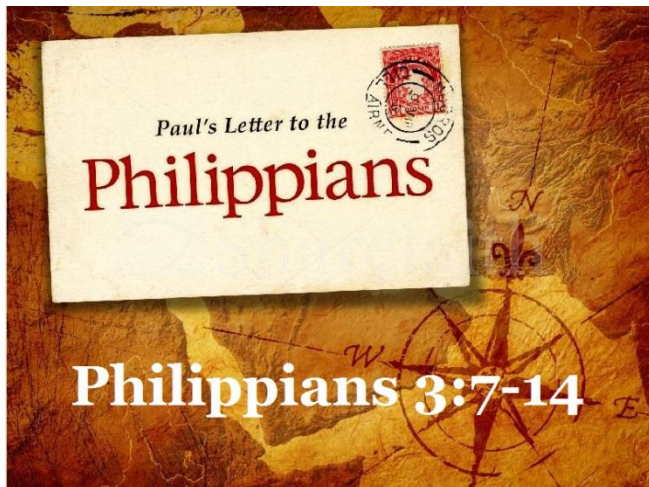




Paul, after pointing out his earthly credentials as a righteous man, explains that all of his accomplishments are worthless compared to the righteousness “which comes by God on the basis of faith.” Paul speaks of his great desire to one day be resurrected in Christ but also points out that, until that day, we all must work toward that goal. We are not to dwell on our past, whether glorious or infamous, but constantly press onward in service to our Lord.

- **Preview** Introduction
- **Justification** Philippians 3:7-9
- **Sanctification** Philippians 3:10-14



TRUTHS & PRINCIPLES	APPLICATIONS
Jesus paid a debt He did not owe because we owed a debt we could not pay.	Thank Christ that he loved you enough to die for you.
Believing in Christ cancels the debt we owe God for our sins and gives us a right relationship with Him and eternal life in heaven.	Put in your faith in Him now.
When we lean on His power, learn from His past and rest in His plan, we grow closer to Christ.	View suffering as the opportunity to know Christ better.



Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21

1. What things did Paul consider gain that now he considered loss (3:7)? _____
2. Paul considered all things loss for what (3:8)? _____
3. Paul counted all things as what for the gain of Christ (3:8)? _____
4. Where did Paul want to be found (3:9)? _____
5. Where does true righteousness come from (3:9)? _____
6. What are the two things that Paul wants to know (3:10)? _____
7. What does Paul want to attain (3:11)? _____
8. Since Paul is not perfected, what does he do (3:12)? _____
9. Since Paul has not apprehended what does he do (3:13)? _____
10. What is the goal that Paul is pressing to (3:14)? _____

Study Questions

1. Read PHILIPPIANS 3:7-9 and reflect on Justification – *Salvation from the Penalty of Sin*.
 - ❖ Do people suffer the loss of anything today when they profess salvation?
Have you suffered any loss?
 - ❖ What is the difference between spiritual position and spiritual practice?
Which do you think is more important? Why?
 - ❖ What is involved in genuine saving faith?
Is repentance essential?
How would you define imputation of righteousness?
2. Read PHILIPPIANS 3:10-14 and reflect on Sanctification – *Salvation from the Power of Sin*.
 - ❖ How can believers know Christ personally?
How much time is involved?
How can church programs help or hinder?
 - ❖ Are all believers victorious over sin today?
Why not? What can be done to attain this goal?
 - ❖ Why are believers sometimes depressed? Apathetic?
Why do they often lack ambition?
 - ❖ How can you press toward the mark for your life?
List some of your failures. How can you overcome these?