

**Found in Him**  
**Philippians 3:9-11**

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**I. Righteousness before a holy God. *Philippians 3:9***

Paul wrote the church and told them that the only way he could be found *in Christ* was by renouncing his \_\_\_\_\_.

- Jesus is found in me, and I am *in Christ*. Christ living in me and me being found in Him are two sides of the same coin. We cannot live *in Christ* if the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ is not found in us.

To be *righteous* means to live our lives empowered by the Holy Spirit, which \_\_\_\_\_ us to live in a way that is honorable to Him.

1. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ aspect of Christ's righteousness.

For the Christ follower, at the moment we place our faith in Jesus Christ, our sins are instantly removed, and His righteousness is \_\_\_\_\_ to us.

2. There is a practical side of Christ's righteousness within the life of a believer that we are called to \_\_\_\_\_ out.

The real person is made up of the mind, will, and emotions with the \_\_\_\_\_ as the centerpiece. ***Proverbs 4:23***

- Faith means to take God at His Word. Faith is weighing the evidence of what God has said and \_\_\_\_\_ Him!

**II. The same power that raised Jesus, lives in us. *Philippians 3:10-11***

Paul said the reason he denounced his self-righteousness as dung, was so that he may \_\_\_\_\_ Christ. ***John 17:3***

1. Communicate. (ACTS)
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  - \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Build \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Practice \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ together.

*"That is, he wants to experience the same power that raised Christ from the dead surging through his own being, overcoming sin in his life and \_\_\_\_\_ the Christian graces."* (Wuest)

- Paul spoke of *fellowship* with Christ. *Fellowship* with Him includes \_\_\_\_\_ and experiencing the effects of His death.

**Small Group Discussion**

*Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

1. Read ***Philippians 3:9***. Discuss the difference of trying to be right with God by good works, compared to righteousness through a relationship with Christ.  
***John 1:11-12, Romans 3:23, Galatians 2:16, 3:2, 3:10, Romans 8:6***
2. Discuss the positional and practical aspects of righteousness.  
***2 Corinthians 5:17, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Proverbs 4:23, 1 Peter 5:8-9, Matthew 5:17***
3. Read ***Hebrews 11:1***. *What is Biblical faith?*  
***Hebrews 11:6, Ephesians 2:8-9***
4. Read ***Philippians 3:10-11***. *How can we know Jesus Christ?*  
***John 17:3, Colossians 1:9, Galatians 4:8-9, Ephesians 3:19***
5. One way we grow in our relationship with Jesus is through communication. Discuss the acrostic ACTS mentioned in point II. of the sermon notes.  
***1 Kings 8:23; 2 Chronicles 6:14, Psalm 9:1-2, Psalm 34:1-3, 1 John 1:9, 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Ephesians 4:32***
6. Discuss the phrase, "***The power of His resurrection.***"  
***Romans 8:11***
7. Discuss the phrase, "***Know His sufferings.***"  
***Romans 8:18, Romans 8:28, James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 3:13-17***
8. Discuss the practical application of the sermon.