

RIGHTEOUSNESS HAS BEEN GIVEN

Philippians 3:2-11

**A Small But Vital Part of God's
Wonderful Salvation Plan.**

Mission of Associates for Scriptural Knowledge.

It is our goal to bring to the attention of all Bible believers the **importance** of **self reliance** and **personal responsibility** when approaching Bible themes. It is the sole responsibility of the believer **to become educated** and **to realize precisely** what he or she believes. We promote the fact that those beliefs should be **able to be communicated** to any person asking a question. By encouraging people to examine the original documents for themselves, we help **to create a greater comprehension** of the source material itself. By having a biblical and historical understanding of the Bible, we can all know and trust God better.

WHAT IS A SINNER?

Jer. 13:23 “ Can the Ethiopian **change his skin** Or the leopard **his spots**? Then you also can do good Who are accustomed to doing evil.

Jer. 17:9 “**The heart is more deceitful** than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?

Matt. 15:¹⁸ But the things that proceed out of the mouth **come from the heart**, and those defile the man. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders.

CAN A SINNER BE MADE RIGHTEOUS?

Rom.3:20 because by the **works of the Law** no flesh will be **justified in His sight**; for through the Law comes the **knowledge of sin**.

Gal.2:21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for **if righteousness comes through the Law**, then Christ died needlessly."

Gal.3:24 Therefore the Law has **become our tutor** to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

JOHN

1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to **become children of God**, even to those who believe in His name, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless **one is born again** he cannot see the kingdom of God."

OTHER SCRIPTURE

Ezk. 11:¹⁹ And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them. And I will take the **heart of stone out of their flesh and **give them a heart of flesh**, ²⁰ that they may walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances and do them.**

2Cor. 5:16 Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer. 17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is **a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.**

WHAT DO THESE SUGGEST?

- **Children of God**
- **Born Again**
- **New Creature in Christ**
- **Given a Heart of Flesh**

ROMANS 3:21

But **now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested**, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being **justified as a gift** by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

PHILIPPIANS 3

2 Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision; 3 for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and **put no confidence in the flesh**, 4 although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more:

PHILIPPIANS 3b

5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to **the righteousness which is in the Law,** found blameless.

7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 3c

8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, 9 and **may be found in Him**, not having **a righteousness of my own derived from the Law**, but *(having)* that which is through faith in Christ, **the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith**,

PHILIPPIANS 3d

10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, **being conformed to His death**; 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

OBJECTIONS

- **We are still Sinners,**
 - Evidenced by our sinning
 - Our righteousness is yet to come
- **Reconciled to God by the imputation of Christ's righteousness**
 - "Under the Robe of Christ"
 - We conceal ourselves under the purity of Christ
 - We obtain an attestation of righteousness from the presence of God

LAW AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

Mat.5:20 "For I say to you that unless **your righteousness surpasses** that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Mat.23:28 So you, too, **outwardly appear righteous** to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

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REALITIES

Our need is not a changed behavior

We need a righteousness that describes our nature

Receive a new nature that is righteous: Created by God

Not just called sons, but made sons.

How will this affect the Church of Christ?