



Series: Secure Forever

Text: Philippians 3:7–11

Title: The Righteousness We
Need

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The _____
of Jesus Christ is essential to our salvation.

I. How is Christ's righteousness part of our salvation?

- We can only commune with a holy God if we are perfectly _____.

Lev. 19:2 – “Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘You shall be **holy**, for I the Lord your God am holy.’”
(cf. 1 Pet. 1:15–16)

Matt. 5:48 – “Therefore you are to be **perfect**, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Matt. 5:17–20 – “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I say to you that **unless your righteousness surpasses** that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.”

- One of Christ’s missions on earth was to _____ the righteousness we could not.

Matt. 3:15 – But Jesus answering said to him, “Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us **to fulfill all righteousness.**”

Heb. 5:9 – And having been made **perfect**, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation

- We are saved (in part) because Christ’s righteousness is _____ to us.

Rom. 5:19 – For as through the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, even so **through the obedience of the One** the many will be made righteous.

2 Cor. 5:21 – He made Him who knew no sin **to be sin on our behalf**, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him

Only Christ's righteousness makes us
_____ enough to stand before God.

**II. How does Christ's righteousness assure us of our salvation today?
(Phil. 3:7–11)**

- Pursuing Christ involves stripping away _____ (7–8).
- When we stand before God in judgment, our only hope will be in _____ (9).
- If we are judged *in* Christ, then His _____ will be our own (10–11).

Phil. 2:8–9 – Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹**For this reason also**, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name

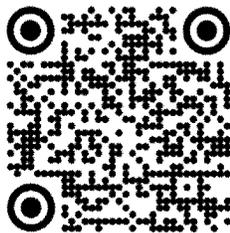
What do we do with this text?

1. We need to examine our hearts to make sure we are placing all of our confidence in _____ instead of _____.

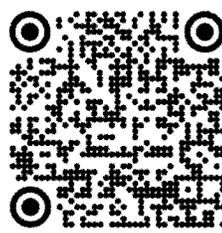
Christ wants us to find our satisfaction in Him in *this* life so that we will *know* that He will be sufficient when we stand before our Creator.

Discussion Questions:

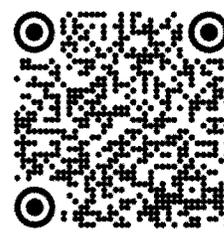
1. What's wrong with focusing only Christ's death and ignoring His life on earth?
2. Where do you see God trying to tear down your confidence in yourself?
3. Where are you still tempted to justify yourself instead of rely on Christ?
4. What in your life is an 'anchor' that is keeping you from finding satisfaction in Christ?



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