

**Right Righteousness**

**Philippians 3:3-14**

Why was it a temptation for Paul to put confidence in the flesh?

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How did God view all Paul had done? (also Rom. 3.10-18)?

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What were the two options for attaining righteousness?

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What did Paul choose first? What did he choose later? What is important about the final choice Paul made?

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Think about your five largest sins in life. If you had not done any of these things, could you have been righteous enough to have a relationship with God based on obeying the law, not the blood of Christ?

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You did sin in these and other ways. What righteousness can be yours? Have you sought this righteousness? Have you received it? If yes, offer thanks to the Lord.

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Do you ever say words which imply you have the other kind of righteousness (you did it on your own by never sinning)? If so, what do you say and to whom? Commit your way to eliminating these words, and the wrong thoughts behind them, from your life.

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How did Paul respond to having righteousness based on faith and forgiveness? What was his life objective? How much energy did he expend in this pursuit?

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If you had the same attitude, how would you view the rest of today? How would you view your battles with sin? How would you regard relationships with others?

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