

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Study Questions*

**Study Aid for the Sermon from August 17-18, 2002**

**"Paul's Spiritual Accounting Practices"**

**Observing the text**

What is Paul referring to when he says, "and be found in Him?" Is that referring to something in the present or in the future?

What does being "found in Him" have to do with His righteousness?

How does this discussion of righteousness relate to what Paul said in Philippians 3:1-3?

Why is it so difficult for people to receive the righteousness of God?

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### **Applying the sermon**

How can self-righteous people come to see themselves as sinners and in need of God's righteousness?

Why might professing Christians not get excited about possessing the righteousness of God? Are you excited about it and why?

Why do some professing Christians get caught up in dwelling on their past sins? Are you dwelling on your past sins and why?

Would it be more helpful for you to dwell on the imputation of our sin to Christ or the imputation of Christ's righteousness to us? Please explain.