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Accounting for God
Philippians 3:1-11
Series: The Joy Factor

Central Passage

Philippians 3:7–9 (ESV) — 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith...

Central Thought: No amount of righteous effort on our part will ever gain us enough credits to put us back into good standing with God; it's a gift of God through the work of Christ, period!

Ephesians 2:8 (ESV) — 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God...(See also Romans 3:21-26; 6:20-23)

Assumption: We are separated from the God who created us, under his judgment, and in need of salvation.

Key Words

- ❖ Rejoice in the Lord!
- ❖ Watch out for the dogs!
- ❖ Put no confidence in the flesh!
- ❖ Count everything a loss!
- ❖ Be found in Christ!
- ❖ Know Christ!

Homework

- ❖ Prayerfully read through the book of Philippians.
- ❖ Consider ways that you may be trying to earn your salvation.
- ❖ Renew your commitment to follow Christ, trusting in his righteousness.