

**Scripture:** Ten Commandments (Exodus 20) & Romans 10:1-13  
**Singing:** 134:1-3 – 322:3-4 – 363:1-5 – 390:1-3 – 422:5-6

## Let's Study Philippians (24)

*And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God (Rev. 20:12)*

### HOW TO BE RIGHT BEFORE GOD?

I. Count your gains as loss II. Be found in Christ by faith

#### I. Learn to count your gains as more than loss

A. Pre-saved Paul tried to make his case right before God: Gal. 1:14; Phil 3:4-6

1. This mindset is our 'natural default' as in Romans 10:2-3

2. Be open to fact that your thinking about salvation also might be wrong  
a. some seek salvation by *works* while others by *worths*

b. Satan will do all to use this thinking to hinder you to believe Gospel

3. Within Scripture, none strove more to be worthy or righteous as Paul  
a. yet no fallen sinner can meet God's standard: Rom. 10:5

b. without God, we see not the depth of the law: Rom. 7:7-12

c. in Romans 7 Paul shared how God opened his eyes for *depth of law*

4. Is God teaching you this also?

B. Paul not learned to shred his 'certificates of good behavior' (vs. 4-7)

1. He learned to count *all things* more than loss (vs. 8)

a. what else must we imagine he gladly gave up?

b. why would he call it 'dung'?

2. How far can you come along with Paul in this aspect of his life?

## II. How to be right before God: *Be found in Christ by faith*

A. The meaning of 'to be found in Christ by faith' (compare Phil. 2:8)

B. Why is Paul so exclusively occupied with his desire to be in Jesus Christ?

1. Because Paul **failed** *in every way possible* to climb up to God (vs. 9)

a. righteousness is *what makes a man right in the sight of God*

b. the 'up-way' or 'down-way' will fail to make us right before God

2. Because God revealed to Paul Who Jesus really was: *Jesus is God's provided righteousness for sinners unable to be righteous*

C. How then do I come 'to be found in Jesus'?

1. God's answer in Romans 10:6-7 and Phil. 3:9: *by faith in Him*

a. Saving faith is not *ascending or descending but submitting* (Rom. 10:3)

b. Saving faith, a grace worked by the Holy through the Gospel,

- is not only a certain knowledge of God's gift in Jesus Christ

- but also trusting in His gift for salvation

**Reflection:** Does this passage expounds your inner spiritual being?

A. Loathing of all self-righteousness as 'dung' (Phil. 3:8; Ezek. 36:31-32)

B. Hungering for Christ's righteousness as your only hope (Phil. 3:9 Matt. 5:6)

C. Reaching forth to live righteousness like Jesus Christ (Phil. 3:13-21)