

Pressing on in Confidence

Lesson #10

Philippians 3:7-9

HOOK: Okay, everybody, raise your hand if you're perfect! "Perfect" means you never do anything wrong. It means that you're as good as you can possibly be and you have no faults. "Perfect" or "righteous" means you've never lied, you've never had a mean thought, you're always kind to others. Hmmm...none of us can really be perfect or righteous on our own, can we?

BOOK: The Bible tell us that, "...no one is perfect [or righteous], no, not one." When we read the book of Philippians, though, we learn that we can *become* righteous (which means right with God) and perfect in His eyes. The only way we do that is through faith in Jesus. Philippians 3:9 says: **"...I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith."** The Apostle Paul was a special man. He had been a powerful man. But who he was and what he was able to do was not enough to make him righteous. He needed Jesus for that and so do we!

LOOK: Faith in Jesus means that we believe that He is God's Son and He came to take away the sins of the world. Wow! This means that when we have faith in Jesus, God sees us as righteous. Though it's important to be nice and do good things, Jesus and only Jesus makes us right with God.

TOOK: This week, whenever you pray—at mealtime, at bedtime...anytime—try and remember to thank God for Jesus. If you have faith in Jesus then He is your friend and savior. He is the reason you are made right with God. That's something to thank God for!

Bible Verse: **"...I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith."**

Philippians 3:9b NLT

Prayer: **"Dear God, we are so thankful that You have given us Jesus so we can be made righteous through faith. You are a good and loving God. Amen."**

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parent/child
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This week, whenever you pray with your child—at mealtime, at bedtime...anytime—remember to thank God for Jesus. If we have faith in Jesus then He is our friend and savior. He is the reason we are made right with God. That's something to thank God for!

To further illustrate this amazing truth, ask your child to make a "thank you" card for God and display it to remind the whole family of what a gift it is to have Jesus. Through Him we are made righteous!



daily prayer

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