

# Found in Him

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## Phil 3:8-10

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 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—that I **may know him**.

# **Our effort or our own righteousness is not enough**

Paul had all the qualifications

All the experience

All the right titles

He had made a name for himself

But it was not enough..... In fact it did not matter

## A changed motivation

Everything he's made for himself he let go of

All he wanted to do was to find Christ and be **in him**

In Christ - to walk as Jesus walked

He understood sonship

John 14: The Father in the Son and the Son in the Father

## **Being in Christ**

Not about our own effort

Not dependent on any righteousness we claim for ourselves

It is all from him - a gift of grace

## **‘Press’ on towards the call of God**

It is not our gifting, function or ‘calling’

It is not our title

All these lead ultimately to working from our own effort

When we focus on us we end up striving and carrying a heavy yoke

It is deeper and bigger than a title

## **He has overcome the world**

John 16:33

In him we have peace because he has overcome the world

What we do in our own strength is superseded by what he wants to accomplish

Phil 3:20

Our citizenship is in Heaven where we are being transformed into his likeness

TPT - “Cling tightly to our Life-Giver” as we are transformed into his “identical likeness”

## The calling of Christ is found *in him*

Becoming like him is more than becoming like as in ***similar*** it is becoming like as in the ***same*** i.e. unity and oneness with Christ.

John 15:1-4

Abide in him, live in him

Pruning = cleansing

Already clean because of his word, washes us

Bear fruit (abundant and lasting)

In him - - purity and fruitfulness



## **The calling of Christ is found *in him***

John 6:27

Don't work for stuff that perishes but that which is eternal

Feast on the living Bread

Then we become like Jesus - John 4:34 "Food is to do the will on him who sent me"

Satisfied with doing the Father's will

## **Found *in him***

When we are found in him we discover what really is of value, what is lasting and we have joy (and therefore rest and peace)

As we cling tightly to him we discover the depth and reality of our sonship and therefore we discover true freedom

It affects everything - it's an 'everyday kind of love'