



THEME:

God's Way of making us Right > Philippians 3:8-10 > Romans 4:3

CONVERSATION:

1. Is there something you thought might make you cool or be accepted in middle school that seems silly now?
2. Have you seen any religious "Human Systems" designed to rank us by outward appearance rather than heart-level sincerity?
 - a. If so, name a few.
 - b. How do you know these are man-made systems rather than God's?
3. What's the tougher standard to reach: external -or- internal change?
 - a. Which one gets us the most real traction in life?
 - i. Explain.
4. Check out at [Philippians 3:8-10](#) >

Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of Knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him.

I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith.

- A. If we know being good is better than looking good > why is there so much pressure to just look good?
 - a. How can we keep our focus on the condition of our heart & not external stuff?
- B. We also know trusting ourselves to fix ourselves doesn't work > any ideas on how we can get better at trusting God to fix us?

RESPOND:

> Take time to pray for & encourage each other >

- That you'd be more stoked on God's Way to Good than on man's way to good.
- That you'd start trusting him more than yourself so you can actually get better & really run.