

# Seventeen Reasons for Fact-Based Joy: A Study In Philippians

## *Reason 12: The Joy of Imputed Righteousness*

Philippians 3:8–17

The Lord's Day Morning

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After demonstrating the futility of legalism (a self-righteous dependence on our own law-keeping to earn a right standing with God), Paul now turns to the only way, the only hope, of being reconciled to God: imputed righteousness. To impute means “to credit, to debit, to ascribe, to assign, to lay something to the account of a person.” Paul knew that the righteousness that came from him was worthless. His only hope was in the righteousness that comes from God.

Ponder these three joy-giving features of the “righteousness from God:”

1. It was justly \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus through his \_\_\_\_\_ to God's law (8; cf. 2:8).
2. It is graciously \_\_\_\_\_ to all who put their faith in Jesus as Lord (9).
3. It is progressively \_\_\_\_\_ by all who receive imputed righteousness (10–16).