

Luke 18:18-22

¹⁸ And a ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, *what must I do to inherit eternal life?*” ¹⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ²⁰ You know the commandments: ‘*Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.*’ ” ²¹ And he said, “**All these I have kept from my youth.**” ²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “***One thing you still lack.*** (Cf. Matthew 19:21 – If you would be perfect) Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

B. Four Implications:

1. Hope for the Sinner
2. Humility for those who do their duty

Philippians 3:6b-9

...as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ 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—**

3. Single-minded Confidence
4. Joy in God’s Glory!

Genesis 18-19
Lot Saved through Fire
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Sermon Outline

Notes

I. What does it mean to live by faith & not sight? 2 Corinthians 5:6, 12, 14-15

⁶ So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷ for ***we walk by faith, not by sight.*** ...

¹² We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ...

¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer **live** for themselves but **for him who for their sake died and was raised.**

Key Idea

How we live matters but the Righteousness of Christ matters more.

II. How should we look at strangers? (18:1-8)

- A. Abraham ran to meet them
- B. He bowed before them
- C. He offered them hospitality
- D. “...if I have found favor in your sight” (v.3)

Hebrews 13:2

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Matthew 25:34 (Sheep & Goats)

I was a stranger and you welcomed **me**...

1 John 4:20

If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar...

III. God Knows who we are in Secret! (18:9-15)

- A. Sarah laughs to herself (17:17; 18:12; 11)
- B. The LORD reveals himself
- C. We all struggle with faith in our *Creator*

IV. God Reveals His Plans to Abraham (18:16-21)

- A. The LORD is judging Sodom Justly
- B. Why does the LORD reveal his plans to Abraham?

V. Abraham Intercedes for Sodom (18:22-33)

- A. Spare the Ungodly for the sake of the Righteous
- B. Jesus our righteous one! (Cf. Romans 8:34)

VI. God Rescues Lot (19:1-22)

- A. Lot shows hospitality (Lot's wife?)
- B. The wickedness of Sodom
 - 1. Every man in the city...
 - 2. Lot's sons-in laws

Genesis 19:14

¹⁴ So Lot went out and said to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, "Up! Get out of this place, for the LORD is about to destroy the city." But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be jesting.

- C. The LORD's Mercy

Genesis 19:15-16

¹⁵ As morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city." ¹⁶ But he lingered. So the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, *the LORD being merciful to him*, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.

VII. The Urgency of Fleeing for Our Lives (19:23-29)

- A. God's judgment was/is real
- B. We often do not feel the danger

VIII. Lot's Daughters (19:30-38)

- A. Hiding in a Cave
- B. Getting Drunk
- C. When a Good Desire Rules

IX. Righteous Lot

2 Peter 2:7-8

⁷ and if he [the LORD] rescued **righteous Lot**, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked ⁸ (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard)

- A. Warning

1 Corinthians 3:15 (Cf. Psalm 127:1 – Unless the Lord...)

If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

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How we live matters but the Righteousness of Christ matters more.

- B. Hope: *If Lot is righteous than so are we!*

Luke 18:9-14 (Cf. Luke 17:7-10 – unworthy servants)

⁹ He also told this parable to some *who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt*. ¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house **justified, rather than the other**. *For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.*"