

Sunday Morning, May 10, 2020
Physicians Only Heal the Sick
Luke 5:27–39

- I. I Need Jesus Because I Am Not Righteous. Jesus Christ Has Only Come for Those Who Know They Are Sinners in Need of Jesus' Forgiveness Lk. 5:27–32
 - A. Levi Illustrates Someone Needing Christ's Forgiveness Lk. 5:27–29
 - B. Levi Illustrates Someone Receiving Christ's Forgiveness Lk. 5:27–29
 - 1. A Sudden Conversion
 - 2. A Costly Conversion
 - 3. A Very Real Conversion
 - C. Levi Contrasts Those Denying Christ's Forgiveness Lk. 5:30–32
 - 1. The Pharisees Were Disgusted at Jesus' Welcome of Needy Sinners Lk. 5:30; Lk. 15:1–7
 - 2. The Pharisees Disqualified Themselves for Jesus' Welcome of Needy Sinners Lk. 5:31–32
- II. I Need Jesus Because I Cannot *Be* Righteous. Jesus Christ Has Come for Those Who Forsake Their Trust in Their Own Goodness Lk. 5:33–39
 - A. Why Isn't Christ Going along with the Pharisees' Manmade Rules? Lk. 5:33–35
 - 1. The Pharisees Expect Jesus to Comply with Their Laws for Fasting Lev. 16:29–34; Lk. 18:12
 - 2. But Jesus Doesn't Condone the Pharisees Rules
 - B. Why Does Christ Reject the Pharisees' Manmade Rules? Lk. 5:36–39
 - 1. New Cloth Is Not Used to Patch Old Clothes Lk. 5:36
 - 2. New Wine Is for Not for Old Wineskins Lk. 5:37–39
 - 3. Christ's Teaching Will Not Fit with Pharisees' Manmade Rules Titus 3:5–6; Phil. 3:8–9; Isa. 64:6; Prov. 17:15; Isa. 5:23

QUOTES

“There can be no one who is His competitor for Lord of your life. There can be no thing that is more important to you in this world than the Lord Jesus Christ. . . There is no competitor to Jesus in your life.”
Derek Thomas

"God could not trifle with His holy nature, and He could not abolish the judgement bound up with it. Nothing in the divine nature could enable Him to abolish the law of holiness. That would be tampering with His own soul. Can the Law of God be taken liberties with, played with, and put aside at the impulse even of love? God's holy law is His own holy nature."
PT Forsythe

“And indeed this is one of the greatest mysteries in this world-- namely, that a righteousness that resides with a person in heaven should justify me, a sinner, on earth.”
John Bunyan

“Those that would be found in Christ must renounce their own righteousness: they who have attained the excellent knowledge of Christ will not rely upon it, rest in it, or make it the ground of their confidence. The apostle in this respect counts it loss, calls it dung; and those that have truly learned Christ will be like-minded... But if it (the observance of the law) be relied on, it may prove dangerous, pernicious; it will be found a broken reed, deceive the soul that puts confidence in it. The reason is, because personal righteousness of any man since the fall is defective, and comes far short of that righteousness which should be the ground of our confidence.”
David Clarkson

“So strange to the natural heart is the idea of salvation by another’s righteousness that we believe no one really understands it, even intellectually, till taught by the Spirit.
David Dickson

“The real reason why the doctrine of justification by grace through faith alone is unpopular is that it is grievously wounding to our pride.”
John R. W. Stott

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 33, What is Justification? Answer: Justification is an act of God’s free grace wherein He pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us and received by faith alone.