

# JESUS VERSUS PAUL

## *Luke 18:9-17*

F.C Baur, a founder of theological liberalism, taught that \_\_\_\_\_ and Paul do not really teach the same thing

1) Jesus prepared the apostles for events yet \_\_\_\_\_ —the crucifixion and resurrection—that they could not understand at that point; Paul looked back on these events as history and focused on their true meaning

2) Jesus and Paul teach that we are \_\_\_\_\_ by faith; in Luke 18:9-17 Jesus foreshadows the emphasis of Paul

### I. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR 18:9-14

#### A. God Rejects \_\_\_\_\_

1) The Pharisee in Jesus' story demonstrated his self-righteousness in at least 4 ways:

a) He claimed to be a \_\_\_\_\_, like the persons Paul addresses in Romans 2-3 and Galatians

b) He claimed to go above and beyond the Law of Moses as a way to \_\_\_\_\_ for any law he broke

c) He compared himself with other human beings and put himself in a completely different \_\_\_\_\_

d) He thanked God for \_\_\_\_\_: "O God how thankful I am for \_\_\_\_\_!"

2) In response to Jesus' concept of self-righteousness, Paul in Romans introduces "God-kind-of-righteousness"—what \_\_\_\_\_ wrought by His perfect, sinless obedience and His death on the cross

#### B. God Provides \_\_\_\_\_ for Sinners

1) The tax collector stood afar off—like coming to prayer meeting and standing in the \_\_\_\_\_

2) He prayed, "God be merciful to me a sinner." "Be merciful" is usually translated "make \_\_\_\_\_"

3) Jesus made propitiation for our sins by bearing God's \_\_\_\_\_ on our sins when he hung on the cross

#### C. God \_\_\_\_\_ the Humble

1) The thought at the end of v. 14 is found 6 times in the NT: God responds favorably to the \_\_\_\_\_

2) God responded favorably to the humble tax collector by \_\_\_\_\_ him—the key to this story

3) "Justify" means to \_\_\_\_\_ right before God; Paul uses this word repeatedly in Romans/Galatians

### II. THE \_\_\_\_\_ BROUGHT BY THEIR PARENTS TO JESUS 18:15-17

Parents brought babies to Jesus to bless them against disease, but the \_\_\_\_\_ dismissed them

#### A. Children Have Great \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord

1) Jesus rebukes the disciples: "Let the children come to me." He is NOT too \_\_\_\_\_ for children

2) As opposed to our culture, Christians must value children and sacrifice to have \_\_\_\_\_ in the home

#### B. Children Have \_\_\_\_\_ Capacity

1) Children can understand basic spiritual truths and make genuine professions of \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus

2) Children have great capacity to \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture; parents can teach them a simple catechism

#### C. Children Exemplify How to \_\_\_\_\_ the Kingdom of God

1) What is it about a "little child"—an infant—that exemplifies how all of us must receive salvation?

Not their \_\_\_\_\_

2) The one unmistakable characteristic of an infant is their absolute \_\_\_\_\_ expressed by crying

3) Only those who have this kind of dependence on Christ (what the NT calls faith or believing) will be saved; the Pharisee was 100% dependent on himself; the tax collector 100% dependent on \_\_\_\_\_