

# “Undesirables!”

Luke 5:27-31

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## Introduction

- “Undesirable” occupations and characters today
- Pharisees’ **Four-fold Division of Sin**
  - 1) Breach of Command-- confession
  - 2) Breach of Prohibition—confession + sacrifice
  - 3) Purposeful Sin—confession, sacrifice, + suffering
  - 4) Profaning God’s Name—no remedy but death
- No hope for the “undesirables” in society, thus avoid contact lest you be contaminated.

## The “Undesirable” and Jesus

### A. The **CONVERSION** of the “Undesirable”—5:27-28

1. The **CONDITION** of Matthew as a “Publican”
  - a. Two kinds of “Tax-Collectors”
    - 1) “gabbai”—poll, income, and land taxes
    - 2) “Mokhes”—custom-house officials
  - b. Jews hatred of both
2. The **CALL** of Matthew as a Disciple
  - a. What’s involved in discipleship—Luke 9:23-24
  - b. Matthew’s immediate response to the call
3. The **CONCERN** of Matthew for his friends

### B. The **COMPLAINT** of the Pharisees—5:30

1. Pharisees practiced **ISOLATION** from “sinners”
2. Jesus practices and teaches **INSULATION**
  - a. Calls us to be “*in the world*” but not “*of it*”—John 17:15-18
  - b. Insulated from contamination by the “truth” of God’s Word
  - c. “*No impact without contact!*”

### C. The **CORRECTION** by the Savior—5:30-31

1. The Proverb: “*Not the healthy but the sick who need a doctor*”
2. The Spiritual Application—5:31
  - a. The self-righteous do not see their need of a Savior
  - b. Jesus came to minister to those who need Him
  - c. No one is beyond the reaches of God’s mercy and grace
    - 1) The “undesirables”—1 Corinthians 6:9-11
    - 2) The “righteous”—Philippians 3