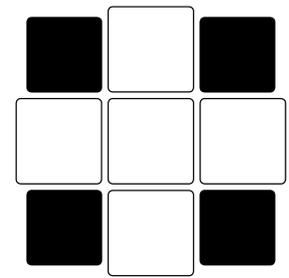


Healing of the Man With Dropsy

Scripture: **Luke 14:1–6**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

Sunday, March 24, 2019



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Overview

How do we confront the false religions of this world? How do we confront the false religion in our own lives and in the lives of the church? Pastor Joe states that false religion is, "...any belief or faith that leads us away from the saving truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord." How does Christ teach us to deal with false religions through His obedience, love and mercy? **The obedience, love and mercy of Jesus confronts all false religions.**

Corroborating Texts

Luke 6:6–11; Isaiah 58:13–14; Deuteronomy 22:4; Matthew 5:16–19; Romans 5:9; Philippians 3:9; John 13:34; Ephesians 5:1–2; Like 6:36; Matthew 23:23–24; Mark 1:14; Matthew 20:34; Matthew 9:39

Discussion Questions

1. The Pharisees are again confronting Jesus, scrutinizing Him but silent when pressed regarding Sabbath law. He then heals a man in the process. The application in this can be startling, but it calls for consideration, can we become pharisaical to the point where legalism denies mercy? Consider the "good Samaritan." Are we guilty?
2. It might be easy to spot false religion outside of Christianity, but Pastor Joe stated that the most dangerous can be an "in-house" false religion. How do we see this in the Pharisees and religious leaders of the bible? What should we be watching for in (a) our own churches or (b) our own personal walk?
3. Jesus states in Matthew 5:17 that He came to fulfill the law, not to abolish it. We see clearly that when He opposed the Jewish leaders—appearing to break the law—His obedience, love and mercy was demonstrated. In view of the gospel;
 - A. **Obedience:** How does Jesus's obedience challenge the legalists of the day? What do we learn from Philippians 3:9—meaning—how does Jesus's example lead us to respond to legalism today? How is being obedient to God freeing?
 - B. **Love:** Jesus demonstrated His love with a costly sacrifice. How does this change our view on obedience? Can it be mere works? Read Ephesians 2:8-10 and explain obedience through faith. What are some ways to guard ourselves against false piety?
 - C. **Mercy:** The Pharisees saw the mercy and compassion of Christ all throughout His earthly ministry. Jesus always taught compassion and mercy to those in need. In this passage, the Pharisees were silenced but not changed. For believers, God's mercy on us is unarguable. We have received it, we do not deserve it, and this should cause us to be compassionate to others, but we sometimes have trouble passing this grace on. How should we respond to the love and sacrifice of Christ in our behalf? How can God's love and grace confront and destroy hypocrisy in the heart of a believer?