

The Journey

Series 04: Christ

Week 43: Jesus Addresses our Guilt

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Review (Where We Have Been)

The identity of Jesus has been the focus of our study upon moving into the New Testament. Let's review our lessons on What Jesus Does and Who He Is.

What Jesus Does...

- Teaches with authority (because He perfectly knows God's Word and is God)
- Forgives sin
- Demonstrates power over physical/spirit realms
- Calls people to be born again
- Provides eternal life (to those who come to and believe in Him)

Who Jesus is...

- He is the Christ, Son of the Living God (Deliverer, Savior, Messiah)

Mark 8:29 (ESV) "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." 30 And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

- He is the way, truth, and life

John 14:6 (ESV) Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

✓ He is the door (only way to God)

✓ He is the good Shepherd (gives His life for the sheep)

BIG Idea

We cannot attain God's favor by our own efforts

Our Self-Sufficiency is our deficiency - Man's efforts has no part in our way to forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

Information (What We Need to Know)

Jesus Loves Children

Matthew 18:1-6 (ESV) At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” **2** And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them **3** and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. **4** Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. **5** “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, **6** but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

Children Trust their Parents

Mark 10: 13-16 (ESV) And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. **14** But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.

We Must Trust God with Childlike Trust

? - What does it mean to have Childlike Trust?

Our Problem is That We Follow Adam’s Example
- Our own wisdom and reasoning

Jeremiah 17:9-10 (ESV) The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? **10** “I the Lord search the

heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.”

- We try to be self-reliant and independent

Mark 10: 15-16 (ESV) Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” **16** And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Jesus continued the long Jewish tradition of blessing the next generation: Noah - Gen. 9:26-27, Isaac - Gen 27:1-41, Jacob - Gen 49:28

We Are Not Designed to be Independent of God

The simple trust of a child is contrasted with the Rich Young Ruler

Mark 10:17-18 (ESV) And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” **18** And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.

The Right Question with the wrong Reasoning behind it.

Man is equating himself with Jesus not grasping who Jesus is.

Who else tried to obtain God's acceptance by doing and approaching however he wanted? Cain.

Mark 10:19-20 (ESV) You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” **20** And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.”

Why does Jesus go to the LAW? It exposes our guilt before God. It shows we can never reach God's standard of Goodness.

Jesus in walking through the law in Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5 where Jesus go to the heart behind the lists of rules. You have heard it said... Murder, Lust, Retaliation, Enemies. Yes you may keep them outwardly but you do not keep the law perfectly and consistently in your heart.

Jesus exposes the man's true guilt. His love for his money and things. We cannot come to God holding on to your sins. That is why we need and come to Jesus. He is not just a life we try to mimic. He is the one who paid for our SINS (all of them). When we come to God we lay it all down. Our identity, Our money, our family, our job, our additions, our hurts, our abuse, our brokenness

We cannot do it on our own. Our self-sufficiency is our deficiency.

Mark 10:21–22 (ESV) And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” **22** Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Notice Jesus’ love for Him as He has for any sinner.

This man is the one man who came to Jesus and left worse than when he started.

A. Toplady - **Rock of Ages**

Nothing in my hands I bring

Simply to the cross I cling

Naked come to thee for dress

Helpless look to thee for grace

Mark 10:23-24 (ESV) And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” **24** And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!

We cannot come and impose our modern cultural thoughts and ideas on the Bible. We surrender to what the Bible says.

Rich Young Ruler wanted eternal life. But he could not accept the fact that he was a sinner and he loved his possessions more than he loved God or other people. He did not want to change his attitude and agree with God that he was a sinner. He could not accept that he stood guilty before our Holy God.

Application (What We Need to Do)

Every single person is faced with the choice of whether we agree with God that we are helpless sinners, who are unable to please Him by perfectly obeying His commands or trying to create our own failing path.