

Living from the Inside Out

Matthew 5:20 (NIV)

"For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven."

What is Jesus saying?

1. Your right standing before God is achieved from the , not from the

Lies of legalism:

- Your good deeds make up for your bad deeds.
- God's love towards you fluctuates depending on your faithfulness.
- If you really love God, you must live by religious rules that are not in the Bible.
- Your outside image is more important than your inside condition.

*Scripture references: Matthew 23:25-28; Matthew 6:33; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 3:9