

Receiving Jesus

Luke 18:9-14 & Selected Scriptures

Biblical Joy: *An unspeakable gladness, a gift from God that refreshes our soul.*

1. Receiving Jesus moves us away from focusing on our _____ religiosity. (v.11)
 2. Receiving Jesus moves us away from _____ of spiritual superiority. (v.13)
- “. . . *a sinner*” = the sinner, as in chief, worst, bad
3. Receiving Jesus moves us away from _____ down at others. (v.13b)
 - “*God. . .*” = the right Person.
 - “*Be merciful to me. . .*” = the right Request.
 - “*. . . a sinner.*” = the right Confession.
 - “*merciful*” = mercy-seat

4. Receiving Jesus moves us away from ourselves into a _____ relationship with Him. (v.14)

Conclusion: Four Abiding Principles

1. Jesus is teaching us about the tremendous danger of _____ self-deception.
2. Jesus is teaching us that God looks at things _____ than we do.
3. Jesus is teaching us that the worse _____ often make the best candidates for salvation.
4. Jesus is teaching us that our only _____ of going to heaven is to do what this bad man did.

Closing: Getting Into Heaven

Verse for August 2023 - Jude 1:24 (ESV) “*Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory and with great joy.*”

My Commitment: “*Lord, based upon what I heard You say to me this morning I choose to obey You by. . .*”

Our Fellowship: Before you leave ask someone: “*What did God say to you today?*”

Deuteronomy 30:14 (TM) *The Word is right here and now - as near as the tongue in your mouth, as near as the heart in your chest. Just do it!*