

Beyond Lip Service

Luke 16:19-31

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We run the risk of doing this with _____...

In Luke: Pay attention to the _____ of Jesus' teaching

16:14: The _____, who loved _____, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus.... Jesus said to them...

The focus of this story is on the _____ man

Luke 16:19-31

19-21: Rich man _____ himself without _____ for Lazarus

Rich Man / Lazarus

rich → _____

covered in _____ → covered in _____

_____ himself daily → longed for even _____

"cared for" only by _____

22-23: At death, they experience a complete _____

Rich Man / Lazarus

buried → carried by _____

Hades (_____) → Abraham's side (_____)

Now rich man is outside the _____, longing for _____

Important to read as a _____ rather than a _____ description of heaven and hell

Yet judgment after death is _____ and _____ for life or torment

24-26: Rich man begs for relief, which is not _____

Claimed Abraham as his _____ to get mercy

John the Baptist _____ against trying this

Wanted mercy, which he never _____

James 2:13

Abraham

This is _____ → "You are reaping what you planted"

This is _____ → judgment in God's Kingdom

27-31: Rich man begs for warning to his brothers, which would be _____

Recognizes need for _____ ("they will repent")

He was not judged for being _____

He was judged for not being _____

He did not _____ his neighbor as himself

He did not care about _____ that

Unless someone would prove the _____!

Rich man claimed he lacked _____

"It wasn't my _____!" → he still didn't repent

Abraham: lack of _____ is not the problem

The rich man _____ what he knew of God

"The concrete expression of his rejection of _____ was his _____ of the poor man at his gate."

The Big Idea

Saving faith in Jesus Christ

includes genuine _____ to the ways of God

“Lip service _____” do not bring salvation in Christ

Saying “I’m sorry” without something deeper than words is offensive to _____

Saying “I’m sorry” without something deeper than words is even more offensive to _____!

Genuine repentance to the ways of God

Is based on the sincere belief that...

God’s ways are always _____, _____, life-giving, and pleasing

My ways are so often _____, _____, harmful, and repulsive

Judgment: God compares _____ ways with _____ ways

I don’t want to believe that because it leaves me in great _____

Genuine repentance takes _____ this great trouble

Includes these steps

_____ : genuine agreement with these 2 things

_____ are always right, good, life-giving, and pleasing

_____ are so often wrong, bad, harmful, and repulsive

The first step is to _____ this awful situation!

This doesn’t stop once someone becomes a _____

Romans 7:24

This genuine agreement is expressed in a commitment to...

_____ the _____

Matthew 5:29; We want to stop causing _____

Seek _____

2 Peter 1:5-7; We want to be _____ like God

_____ the damage

“demonstrate repentance with _____” Acts 26:20;

Ephesians 4:28; We want to fix the _____ we have done as much as we _____

Yet we always do this only _____ and _____, and that should troubles us!

So our genuine repentance can never save us because it is also affected by our _____!

“What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?” Romans 7:24

Genuine (and _____) repentance IN JESUS leads to _____ and _____

“Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!” Romans 7:25

Forgiveness: 1 John 2:2

Transformation: 1 John 3:2

So why struggle to do _____ over a lifetime what God will do _____ in a moment?

“All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.” 1 John 3:3

By its nature, genuine _____ begins the journey to grow into that _____

By its nature, genuine repentance begins the journey...

to stop the _____

to seek _____

to repair the _____

A Christian View of Social Action

Every human organization is less _____ than _____

Systemic injustice: _____ and/or _____ don’t match God’s justice (whether by race, ethnicity, sex, age, ...)

Genuine repentance seeks God's ways today wherever His ways are not being _____

Confession / Stop the harm / Seek transformation / Repair the damage

Our full hope is for the new _____ and new _____ where God's ways will be followed perfectly

Whoever has this hope pursues His will on _____

Big Idea

Saving faith in Jesus Christ includes genuine repentance to the ways of God

which brings full _____ and the promise of complete _____ in Christ

Even in our repentance we need God's _____ which He offers fully and freely in Jesus Christ!

Reflection Questions

1. Where is it that our sin is bringing harm to us or to others?
2. What actions can we take to stop the harm?
3. What does it look like to seek transformation in ourselves so we stop bringing the harm?
4. What does it look like to repair the damage we have done?
5. What hope is there if we can easily see that our repentance is far from perfect?
For example, see Romans 7:21-8:2