



WEEK ONE: SHEEP AND GOATS

I. Simple theological progression leading up to our main passage today.

- a. First, we are saved by grace through faith, not by works...
Ephesians 2:8-10
- b. But out of a saving faith flows obedience.
Romans 1:5
- c. And in our obedience, we find out what pleases the Lord.
Ephesians 5:8-11
- d. This process can be applied to anything: our mouth, thoughts, marriage, work, etc!
- e. Our focus today: Out of our obedience, we care for the most vulnerable of society which really pleases the Lord.

II. Caring for the oppressed, the most vulnerable is God's heart!

- a. Supporting passage: Isaiah 58:6-10
- b. Main passage: Matthew 25:31-46

III. A few things to take away from these passages:

- Caring is not optional...it's commanded.
- It's not "our" time, talents and treasures... they're "His". We're all given 168 hours per week!
- Parents, as you disciple your kids, "develop their potential" and "take them along".
- Jesus gave us 6 areas to focus on: hunger, thirst, shelter, clothes, sickness, prison.
- This "helping" should become natural to us.
- There are times when we need to use discernment due to limited time and resources.
- Final reminder: Caring is either "to" Jesus or "away from" him.