

Seeing **CHRIST** through the Eyes of Luke

When Jesus Confronts What I Believe | Luke 13: 10-17 | 09.24.23

When we take loving Jesus seriously....

1. He will expose our pride.
2. He will confront our traditions.
3. He will counter our consumerism.
4. He will reveal our prejudices.
5. He will expand our comfort zones.
6. He will challenge our allegiances.
7. He will dismantle our personal agendas.

Ephesians 1:7 *In Him (Jesus) we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.*

Ephesians 2:8-10 *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus** for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

- Good works don't earn salvation, good works are a proof of salvation.
- There's never a time when God's attributes are separated or out of balance.
- The most important thing about you is what you believe about GOD.

Philippians 1:9-11 *And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, ¹¹ being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.*

- Will culture or Christ define love for me?

Luke 13:10-17 *Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. ¹² But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." ¹³ And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. ¹⁴ But the ruler of the synagogue answered with **indignation**, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ The Lord then answered him and said, "**Hypocrite!** Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? ¹⁶ So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" ¹⁷ And when He said these things, all His **adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.***

- If you don't see Jesus correctly you will *not* respond to Scripture correctly.

Psalms 73:16-17 *When I thought how to understand this, It was too painful for me—¹⁷ Until I went into the sanctuary of God; Then I understood their end.*

Though deeply discouragement Asaph (author of Psalm 73) still attended the sabbath service and God used the reading of Scripture to change Asaph's attitude, though his circumstances remained unchanged, there was a huge turn around in his relationship with GOD!

- When emotions kick into gear, reasoning shifts into neutral.

Exodus 20:8-11 *"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day.*

Matthew 12:1-8 Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath

Matthew 12:10-12 If livestock fell into a pit on the Sabbath, they were rescued without complaint from anyone.

Proverbs 12:10 *A righteous man regards the life of his animal, But the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.*

Psalm 8:4-9 *What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? ⁵ For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ **You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands** You have put all things under his feet, ⁷ All sheep and oxen— Even the beasts of the field, ⁸ The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas. ⁹ O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!*

- Demons cannot possess genuine Christians, but they certainly can deceive, harass, and oppress them!

"As Christians we must of course repent of all the anger, malice, and self-will which allowed the discussion to become a quarrel at all...There is another question, did you fight fair? Or did we not quite unknowingly falsify the whole issue? Did we pretend to be angry about one thing when we knew, or could have known, that our anger had a different and much less presentable cause? Did we pretend to be 'hurt' in our sensitive and tender feelings when envy, ungratified vanity, or self-will was our real trouble? Such tactics often succeed. The other parties give in...We win by cheating; how shall we deal with it in others I am not sure; but we should be **merciless** to its first appearances in ourselves." C.S. Lewis

- Allow Jesus Christ and Scripture to determine what you believe and how you will live!

Two reasons why Biblical Christianity is so important and good...

1. **Biblical Christianity** confronts us with issues that affect both our present and eternal life.
re: **Luke 9:18-19**
2. **Biblical Christianity** has Scripture for self-critiquing and self-correcting principles.
Re: **2Timothy 3:16**

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