

Grace and Truth Part 2
The Pharisee and the Tax Collector
Luke 18:9-14

“God be merciful to me, the sinner!”

Luke 18:13 (NASB95)

Main Point: Grace and truth directly affect our attitude and actions.

Need #1: A humble realization of our own sinfulness (truth).

“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Romans 3:23

Extremes of Need 1: Frequent dwelling on besetting sins and failures and the challenge of the Christian life can produce guilt— the unintended consequence.

Guilt is not the opposite of grace!

Need #2: Grateful acceptance of God’s grace.

“...and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...”

Romans 3:24

Extremes of Need 2: A degree of self-satisfaction with our Christian life caused by prideful beliefs in right doctrine, public actions and Christian service.

Pride and comparison cannot hide sin!

Problem: “Refined” sins- sins that we can commit and still be respectable among our Christian friends. Sins that nice people commit and still retain positions as pastors, elders, Sunday School teachers and bible study leaders.

“One of the problems with these so-called refined sins is that we have become too comfortable with the whole concept of sin. Because we do sin so frequently we learn to coexist with it as long as it doesn’t get too out of control or scandalous. We forget, or perhaps have never learned, how seriously God regards all sin.”

-Jerry Bridges

The Discipline of Grace (p. 35)

“Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?”

Matthew 7:3

Conclusion: No one wants to be identified with the Pharisee. So are you willing to be identified with the tax collector?

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Next week: Grace and Truth Part 3- Romans 6:1-23