

REPLACING LEGALISM

Luke 5.33-39 // June 21, 2026

NOTES:

TIME TO CELEBRATE

The Pharisees really knew how to ruin a good party. By this time, they had added at least 613 extra rules on top of what God's Word had said! Here, they ask Jesus' disciples why they don't fast, and Jesus answers them with three parables.

Wedding: When a couple is looking forward to a wedding, there is much preparation, but when the day comes for the wedding, it is time to celebrate!

Old and New Shirt: No one would but a nice, new shirt, cut it up, and use the scraps to cover a hole on an old shirt. It wouldn't match, the new patch would shrink (further tearing the old shirt), and now you have two ruined shirts!

Wine and Wineskins: Nor would you put new wine (which emits gases) into old, rigid wineskins, because that would burst them, ruining both your wineskin *and* losing all your wine!

ASCETICISM

Asceticism: the practice of the denial of physical or psychological desires in order to attain a spiritual ideal or goal.

Not all degrees or activities of asceticism are bad. We are called to deny ourselves, put to death the deeds of the flesh, etc. But one key difference is that the Pharisee's practices were built on a belief that this made you or keeps you clean, and makes you more acceptable and holy.

But Christ alone is what makes us clean, acceptable, and holy.

But Christ came to fulfill the Law, because we could not. No amount of asceticism can earn salvation and God's love. We have that only because Christ is the One who earned it for us, and gave it to us by grace. And He gives us this New Covenant, which isn't just simply "added" to the Old, because He fulfills the Old.

Galatians 5.2-9 // Romans 2.25 // Colossians 2.16-23

FOR US TODAY

It is easy for us to slip into the trap of the Pharisees. In our pursuit of personal holiness and freedom from sin, we can inwardly turn these pursuits into what gives us our identity, value, and righteousness, and we can then expect and impose them upon others.

**The legalist legislates where God leaves people free.
He takes "you may" and makes it "you must."**

-RC Sproul

Galatians 5.1, 13, 14

This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 66.1-4

This Week's Memory Verse:

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open the evening with the **Call to Worship Psalm** and have someone open the night by *praying* the Psalm.

Read **Luke 5.33-39**. What stands out here or from Sunday's sermon?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Understanding the difference of the Old Covenant and New Covenant can be very challenging. Why do we see certain laws "fulfilled" (like not eating shellfish) and some still in effect (like "do not murder")? How do the analogies Jesus give (particularly the difference between an "engagement" period and the actual wedding feasts and eventual marriage) help shed some light on this? And how does this cause you to marvel at the New Covenant, knowing we don't have to "add" the Old Covenant to the New, and vice versa?

Your Life Mission

We live in a performance driven world. Sadly, we as Christians have adopted that mindset. We live a "Jesus Plus" life, and heap on extra rules in order to feel acceptable. But Christ has come to fulfill this and give us salvation as a free gift of grace, and our life mission is to go help free the captives of this world who are trapped in performancism and empty religion

How might you make adjustments in your own mentality, perspective, prayer life, and day to day living in order to more fully walk in the freedom of the New Covenant? And who in your life are you desiring to share this truth with?

THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)

Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)

Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)

Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)

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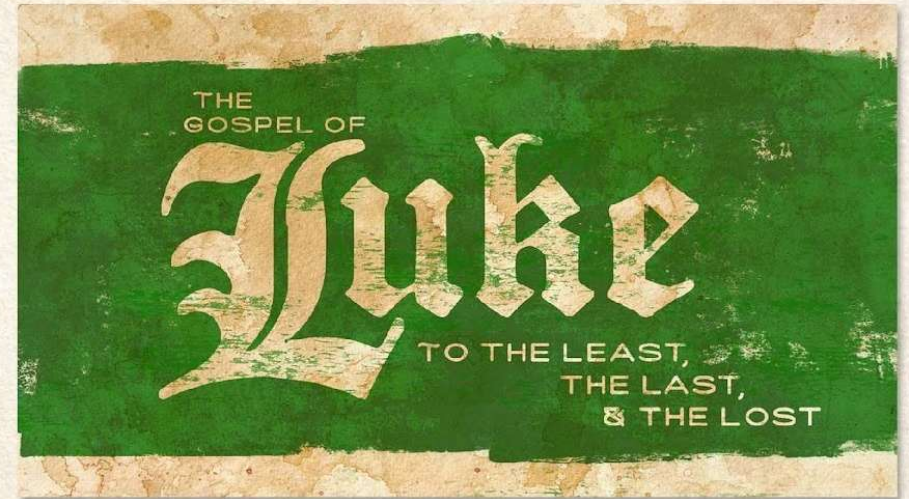
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