

## **A Great Saint Unjustified**

**Luke 18:9-14**

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How does the preacher convince the proud and self-righteous that they are not saved?

How does the preacher convince the humble and contrite that they are saved?

There are two great challenges in a Christ-centered, gospel-driven preaching ministry. You must convict the proud, but comfort the humbled. You must minister law and grace appropriately.

How do you evaluate spiritual life, spiritual strength, or health?

Martin Luther, "What is it about your miserable works and doings that you think could please God more than the sacrifice of His own Son?"

### **The Stated Purpose of the Parable v 9**

Told to those who *trusted in themselves* and *looked down on others*

Grace and self-righteousness are mutually exclusive.

### **The Self-Confident Saint**

Deut 26:12-15

Who is righteous, justified? Why the Pharisee, of course!

He prayer to himself?

His confidence, his faith, was in himself, and in what he did.

"Am I good enough?"      "Is Christ good enough?"

### **The Self-Aware Sinner**

Why are Tax Collectors hated?

His prayer - the sinner's prayer.

I need pure mercy. I bring no claims, I have nothing to exchange.

### **A Shocking Revelation**

The tax collector, the great sinner is justified by pure grace.

The Pharisee failed. He was on the works treadmill.

If you exalt yourself, you will be humbled.

If you humble yourself, you will be exalted.

Your pride is killing you!

Confession and repentance receives the love and grace of God.