

October 27, 2019
“Understanding Outrageous Grace”
(Luke 18:9-14)

How many of us have been accused of being a poor listener? Or should we call it “_____ listener”?

Sometimes our _____ gets in the way of hearing God’s voice.

Every parable Jesus told was an opportunity to _____ God better.

#1. – Jesus wanted them to know that, when we _____ ourselves to others, we turn religion into a _____.

God is not about religion, but about _____!

It’s a mistake to _____ ourselves by what we are not, instead of by _____ God is.

Self-righteousness is not the same thing as _____!

Pharisees were the _____ standard for righteousness in their society.

Tax collectors were considered _____ and extortionists. We can do everything right in life, keep all the _____ of our religion, and still not _____ God!

When we compare ourselves to others, we turn religion into a _____, and away from our _____ with God.

#2. – When we compare ourselves to _____ rather than others, we realize we don’t have _____ to offer Him.

You cannot know who God is and still hold on to your _____ and self-righteousness!

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The Greek word translated “*be merciful*” is actually the word for an _____ sacrifice.

The tax collector asked for the bleeding _____. And God gave it to him.

What does it mean, “*he went home justified*”? – It means his sins were _____!

He got exactly what he asked for -- _____ from a holy God, who knows that we can never be holy enough to _____ His mercy!

#3. – If you don’t know _____, you don’t know God – because grace, the unearned _____ of God’s love and salvation was God’s _____ for us from the very beginning.

The tax collector knows the one thing the Pharisee does not: his _____ is God’s---his past, present, and future are entirely dependent on God’s _____ and _____!

Outrageous grace isn’t a _____ you can achieve by being _____; it’s a _____ you receive by being God’s _____!

If you don’t know the gift of _____ grace, then you don’t know God.

Salvation is not about our _____, but about God’s _____!

It’s not about our religion. It’s about our relationship with God!

How’s your relationship with God today?