

Certainty... in a world of doubt

The Gospel of Luke

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community church



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“Complete Change” Luke 5:1-26

You cannot encounter Christ Jesus and live in communion with Him and remain the same. He will bring Complete Change to every area of your life so that you can experience not just a quantity of life but a quality of life unlike anything else (John 10:10b; 17:3). This is less about circumstances and more about our character because our circumstances matter far less to our happiness than our character.

Jesus' Salvation gives us a Complete Change...

Psychologically—our relationship with ourselves Vv1-11

An encounter with Christ gives you a new identity.

1) I am more sinful than I ever dared to believe.

V8 “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” (Ex3:11; Judg6:15; Isa6:5; Jer1:6)

2) I am more loved than I ever dared to dream.

V10 Jesus said, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” (John 3:16-17; Rom5:8)

3) You will leave everything and follow Jesus.

v11 they left everything and followed him. (Mark 8:34-38; Matt13:44)

Sociologically—our relationship with others Vv12-16

1) The gospel brings in those who are left out.

V13a And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him... (Luke 15:1-2)

2) The gospel means no person or situation is ever hopeless.

V13b “I will; be clean.” And immediately the leprosy left him. (Rom1:16)

3) Generously loved people will love generously.

V16 But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray. (1John3:16)

Spiritually—our relationship with God vv17-26

1) All sins are ultimately against God.

v20 And when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”
v21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”
(Ps51:4)

2) Our most fundamental problems are not physical but spiritual.

V23 Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? (Rom3:23; 6:23)

3) Jesus died in our place for our sins so that we could be rescued from judgment & reconciled to the Father forever.

V24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins—he said to the man who was paralyzed—I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.” (1Pet3:18; Isa 53:5)

Growing Notes

1) What comes to mind when you think of complete change? Why do you think change is so hard? What areas of your life are you needing change? Why do you think character matters more than our circumstances when it comes to our happiness?

2) Read Luke 5:1-26. What stands out to you from these three stories? What do these stories tell us about Jesus and His character? What do these stories tell us about human nature, character and behavior?

3) How does Jesus' salvation change us Psychologically (vv1-11)? If we think we are not all that bad, the idea of grace will never change us. Explain. What does it mean to leave everything to follow Christ (v11)?

4) How does Jesus' salvation change us Sociologically (vv12-16)? The gospel means no person or situation is ever hopeless. Explain. Why do you think generously loved people will love generously (1John3:16)?

5) How does Jesus' salvation change us Spiritually (vv17-26)? How are all sins ultimately against God (Ps51:4)? Our most fundamental problems are not physical but spiritual. Explain. How has God remedied our spiritual problem? How are all three (Psychological, Sociological & Spiritual) related? What is God speaking to you through this study? Pray.