

Sermon Notes

The New Life Part 4: Living Right

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- **Part 4: Living Right**
 - God calls us to live differently than before.
 - o **Ephesians 2:8-10** with an emphasis on v10.
 - o Live a life worthy of the call. **Ephesians 4:1-3**
 - When the followers of Jesus don't follow Jesus in this way, it messes things up.
 - o **1 Cor 6:7-11**
 - Let's go ahead and follow the 10 Commandments. Murder, Adultery, Coveting, Idols...
 - o **Romans 2:17-24**
 - The damage goes beyond you and your life when you misrepresent God in your actions.
 - It's supposed to go like this: Reach Up, Rise Up, Reach Out!
 - The 2 major ways "living right" goes wrong:
 - o 1) Legalism. Trying to justify yourself (or reject others) by your actions. Saved by works.
 - This was a big problem in Jesus day. **Matthew 15:1-11**
 - o 2) Cheap Grace. Simply ignoring God's ways while banking on exploiting God's grace.
 - This was the issue in Corinth.
 - o The trap is swinging between the two. Throw that whole way of thinking out of your mind.
 - No more focusing on yourself and whether or not you are good enough.
 - The problem with both of these is they miss the greatest commandment. **Mark 12:28-31**
 - It gets weird when people want to go to Heaven but they don't love God.
 - Legalism: **Matthew 15:8-9**. This isn't loving God.
 - Cheap Grace?? How is that about not loving God?
 - o Hockey player story.
 - The problem isn't in the details...he doesn't love hockey.
 - One more thing as we begin to close: What about the fear of God? Aren't we supposed to fear God?
 - o That should be part of your character arch for sure...but not your final destination.
 - Remember my basic explanation of "the message about the kingdom" from Part 1 of this series?
 - *The Creator God is real. You are part of creation. God has a plan.*
 - *The Kingdom that The Father wants is eternal, perfect, no sin, no death, no pain...and it is supposed to be full of creative, intelligent, free willed beings like you and me.*
 - *Problem: creative intelligent free willed beings tend to create problems that ruin the plan.*
 - *First half of the solution: destroy those who ruin the plan. That's fair, right??*
 - o *Second problem: now the Kingdom is uninhabitable!! That won't work.*
 - *Second half of the solution: redeem those who ruin the plan and teach them how not to ruin the plan.*
 - o *Jesus paid the redeemers price.*
 - o *Now, we live The New Life to learn how not to ruin the plan.*
 - o Does it make sense to fear the Lord if this is the plan? Yes! You don't want to be destroyed!!
 - That's like the 2nd grader who is afraid of the principal. If that keeps them straight, then cool. But no one wants a 40-year-old 2nd grader. We grow up and get a better perspective.
 - o We must transition in our relationship with God arch into something better...love.
 - **1 John 4:13-19**
 - Fear is the start. **Prov 9:10**. But love brings us to maturity.
 - That maturity is where we know God loves us, we love God back, and we walk with God learning wisdom and victory from Him. Then living right is the natural overflow.
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