

RELIGION vs. RELATIONSHIP

WHEN BEING RIGHT GOES WRONG | WEEK 3

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Religion: a moral code we try to follow to gain acceptance of God

Religion creates _____ - _____.

Self-righteousness: attitude of relying on one's own moral behavior, good works, or adherence to the law to be considered righteous before God

Self-righteousness creates _____.

Judgmentalism: a posture that one takes when they feel like they are better than others because they don't do what others do

A self-righteous person _____ on others.

Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their **own righteousness** and scorned everyone else.... *Luke 18:9*

"Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector." *Luke 18:10*

"The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am **not like other people**—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I'm **certainly not** like that tax collector!'" *Luke 18:11*

For the whole law can be **summed up** in this one command: "**Love** your neighbor as yourself." *Galatians 5:14*

People _____ it.

"Nearly nine out of ten young outsiders (87 percent) said that the term judgmental accurately describes present-day Christianity."

- David Kinnaman

"Christians talk about hating the sin and loving sinners, but the way they go about things, they might as well call it what it is. They hate the sin and the sinner." - Jeff (Survey Participant)

"...a **friend** of tax collectors and sinners." *Matthew 11:19*

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness **exceeds** that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." *Matthew 5:20*

We receive God's righteousness through _____.

I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through **faith in Christ**. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on **faith**. *Philippians 3:9*

...he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his **mercy**. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. *Titus 3:5*

A gift produces a posture of _____.

"But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, **be merciful to me**, for I am a sinner.'" *Luke 18:13*

"I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home **justified** before God." *Luke 18:14*

You become a humble, compassionate person who finds it easy to love others.

But by the **grace** of God I am what I am.... *1 Corinthians 15:10*

