

THE
GOSPEL

THIS IS OUR GOSPEL

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

LUKE 15:1-2

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

LUKE 15:11-20

“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

LUKE 15:11-20

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

LUKE 15:21-24

“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.

LUKE 15:25-30

But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

LUKE 15:25-30

“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

LUKE 15:31-32

**IF YOU FAIL TO GET GRACE,
YOU FAIL TO GET RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

THE OLD COVENANT SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. You sin, you're unclean
2. Ceremonial cleansing, clean yourself up
3. Kill a spotless animal, pay for sin
4. Approach God carefully in repentance
5. Sin again and repeat

¹⁰ The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, **make perfect** those who draw near to worship. ² Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been **cleansed once for all**, and would no longer have **felt guilty for their sins**. ³ But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. ⁴ It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats **to take away sins**.

HEBREWS 10:1-4

Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. Then I said, 'Here I am — it is written about me in the scroll — I have come to do your will, my God.'"

HEBREWS 10:5-7

First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them"—though they were offered in accordance with the law. Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." **He sets aside the first to establish the second.**

HEBREWS 10:8-9

After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, ²⁸ and Levi got up, left everything and followed him. Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. ³⁰ But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered them, **"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ³² I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."**

LUKE 5:27-32

He told them this parable: "No one tears a piece out of a new garment to patch an old one. Otherwise, they will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins. And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for they say, 'The old is better.'"

LUKE 5:36-39

**YOU CANNOT HOLD THE NEW
WINE OF THE GOSPEL,
IN THE OLD WINESKIN OF THE
LAW.**

Therefore, if anyone is **IN CHRIST**, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself **THROUGH CHRIST** and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself **IN CHRIST, not counting people's sins against them**. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

2 CORINTHIANS. 5:17-19

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. **For everything in the world**—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. **The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.**

1 JOHN. 2:15-17

If anyone **ACKNOWLEDGES** that Jesus is the Son of God, **God lives in them and they in God.** And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. **Whoever lives in love LIVES IN GOD, and GOD IN them.** This is how love is made complete among us so that **we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.** ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because **fear has to do with punishment.** The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

1 JOHN 4:15-18



**THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT
FOR THOSE IN CHRIST**

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, **eager to do what is good.**

TITUS 2:11-14

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, **he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done**, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously **THROUGH JESUS CHRIST our Savior**, ⁷**so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.**

TITUS 3:4-7

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. **God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20-21