



1. No \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.9-12)

2. Get \_\_\_\_\_ (v.13)

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (v.14)

**Luke 18:9** He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: **10** "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. **11** The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. **12** I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' **13** But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' **14** I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (ESV)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Romans 3:9-18**. Why is this biblical diagnosis so difficult for the average person to accept? What are some of the things that keep people from seeing the severity of their own sin?
2. Read **Psalms 130:1-8**. Why is it that Christians often fail to see the value of their forgiveness? What would be some of the signs that a Christian truly appreciates the immensity of God's grace?
3. Read **Isaiah 66:1-2**. What is the relationship between a high view of God and humility in the Christian life?
4. Read **Isaiah 53:1-12**. After reading this prophetic text of the Old Testament, what strikes you about the price of our forgiveness? What can you do to maintain a proper view of Christ's costly love in light of the seriousness of sin?
5. Read **Psalms 32:1-7**. Describe the sort of disposition that should characterize those who understand their salvation as it is understood in this psalm?

## This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

**September 24<sup>th</sup>**  
*Is. 1-3 & Gal. 2*

**September 25<sup>th</sup>**  
*Is. 4-6 & Gal. 3*

**September 26<sup>th</sup>**  
*Is. 7-9 & Gal. 4*

**September 27<sup>th</sup>**  
*Is. 10-12 & Gal. 5*

**September 28<sup>th</sup>**  
*Is. 13-15 & Gal. 6*

**September 29<sup>th</sup>**  
*Is. 16-18 & Eph. 1*

**September 30<sup>th</sup>**  
*Is. 19-21 & Eph. 2*

**October 1<sup>st</sup>**  
*Is. 22-23 & Eph. 3*

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website ([FocalPointMinistries.org](http://FocalPointMinistries.org)).

Msg. 09-05 – **The Word's Clarity About Our Sin**  
Msg. 16-33 – **Grieving Over the Sinfulness of Sin**  
Msg. 16-34 – **Grateful for the Gift of Repentance**  
Msg. 09-07 – **Scripture's Overarching Theme of Grace**  
Msg. 14-55 – **Sin and the Fall of Humanity**  
Msg. 16-20 – **Feeling Godly Grief**  
Msg. 15-56 – **Justification & Regeneration**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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