

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 9:49-50

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## "THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY"

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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## **His Challenge to Them Was and Continues to Be...**

### **Luke 9:48**

and said to them, "Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all will be great."

Their Attitude Toward "**Ministry**" was How Great  
Can I Be in The Ministry

## **The Ministry**

"a profession in the services of religious duty"

Yet True **Biblical Ministry** is a Life of Service and Devotion to God  
and the things of God.

Jesus is Going to Give Us a Proper  
Understanding of Biblical "Unity"

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**forbade**

stopped him, made him quiet, prevented him.

it was John who said this.

John, one of the sons of thunder would later become known as the apostle of love. A change would come about over time, he would grow deeper in his knowledge of God and closer to the heart of Christ.

***"Do not forbid him, for he that is not against us is for us.***

**Ephesians 2:14**

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, (jew and gentile) and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

Jesus Teaches Us Here About The Do's and Don'ts  
*of being a real Christian!*

**THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY**

**1.) What makes a church good?**

**v. 49-50**

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**1a.) When the Body is Alive**

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**Ephesians 1:22-23**

And God the Father put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, :23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

## Take Its Pulse - *It's Alive!* "It's in love with Jesus"

**1 John 4:19**

We love Him because He first loved us.

"Knowing That You're Loved by God  
Causes You to Love Others Thru God"

"It's in **fellowship** with others"

**Galatians 3:26-28**

For you are all sons of God through faith **in Christ Jesus**. :27 For as many of you as were baptized **into Christ** have **put on Christ**. :28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all **one in Christ Jesus**.

This Fellowship is Called **Koinonia**

**Acts 2:41-42**

Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*. :42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and **fellowship**, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

**1 John 1:6-7**

If we say that we have **fellowship** with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: :7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have **fellowship** with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

"It's **compassionate** toward those in need"

**Mark 14:7**

For you have the poor with you always,

**1 John 3:17**

But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

## WHAT MAKES A CHURCH GOOD?

**1b.) When the Soul is Engaged**

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## Look Into Its Eye’s – *There’s Someone Home!*

### There’s a Passion for “Holy Living”

#### Philippians 3:8-9

Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ :9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

#### 1 Peter 1:15-16

but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, :16 because it is written, “*Be holy, for I am holy.*”

### There’s an Effective Prayer Life

the early church naturally, “supernaturally”  
continued to talk to God even after Jesus had Ascended Back to Heaven, **Why?**

## Why? // How?

#### Acts 13:1-3

Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. :2 **As they ministered to the Lord** and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” :3 Then, having fasted and **prayed**, and laid hands on them, they sent *them* away.

### There’s a Heart to Witness

We Can’t be Silent,  
God is Good, Jesus Saves // Hell is Hot and Heaven’s Real

#### Luke 10:1-3

After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. :2 Then He said to them, “The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. :3 Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.

## What Do These 3 Things Look Like?

**Acts 4:31-32**

And when they had **prayed**, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. **:32** Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul;

## WHAT MAKES A CHURCH GOOD?

**1c.) When the Spirit is Active**

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## Listen To Its Heart – *It's Beating Hard!*

It's Strong on Biblical Doctrine

**1 Timothy 4:13-14**

Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. **:14** Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

**2 Peter 1:19**

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

**Matthew 5:18**

For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

**Psalms 138:2c**

For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

## It's Hungry for Genuine Worship

**John 4:23-24**

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. **:24** God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

**John 9:31**

Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.

## It's Seeking Spiritual Power

### Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. :19 **Go** therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, :20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

### Acts 1:8

But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be **witnesses** to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

### Ephesians 5:18

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be **filled** with the Spirit,

## THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

### 2.) *What makes a church bad?*

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### 2a.) *When the Body is Dead*

v.49-50

## Take Its Pulse - *It's Dead!*

"It's in love with Itself"

### 2 Timothy 3:1-5

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: :2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, :3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, :4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, :5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

"It doesn't have any fellowship"

# No True Unity Because There is No True Word

## Ephesians 4:1-3

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, :2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, :3 endeavoring to keep (the **unity** of the Spirit) in (the **bond** of peace).

### unity

eJno/thß henotes, *hen-ot-ace* "oneness" a compound oneness, many elements become glued together as one, to be stuck together!

### bond

su/ndesmoß sundesmos, *soon'-des-mos*; a medical term to tie a joint back together, to sow a ligament, tendon, or muscle back together

"Reconstructive Surgery"

## Sadly, There's Cliques and Factions

a real, true Christian church that's united to Christ,  
will be a church that is freed from petty division and factions

## 1 Corinthians 3:1-4

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. :2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able; :3 for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like *mere* men? :4 For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?

"It's compassionate toward no one"

## Philippians 3:18-19

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: :19 whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is their* belly, and whose glory *is* in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.

## WHAT MAKES A CHURCH BAD?

2b.) When the Soul is Unchanged

v.49-50

Look Into Its Eye's – *There's Nothing There!*

## There's No Desire for Holy Living

## There's No real Need to Pray

## There's No Reason to Witness to Others?

did you know that the Bible teaches that, as we get closer to the end of things as we know it, the real church will be hated, mocked and attacked, while a great number of people will gather around teachers and speakers who will encourage, promote, stoke and polish the listeners lifestyle until they are convinced that they don't need God, they don't need Jesus... they're fine just the way they are!

### 2 Timothy 4:1-4

I **charge** you therefore before God and the Lord

Jesus Christ, (*atten-hut*) who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: :2

**Preach** the word! Be **ready** in season *and* out of season. **Convince, rebuke, exhort**, with all longsuffering and **teaching**. :3 For the time will come when they (*the people in the pews*) will not **endure** (*put up with, focus, stay at it*) sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, (*because they have itching ears,*) they will **heap up** (*sample, stack, go from one to another*) for themselves teachers; :4 and they will **turn** (*jerk the head*) *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

we are well into the age of these things happening.

## WHAT MAKES A CHURCH BAD?

### 2c.) When the Spirit is Absent

v.49-50

**Listen To Its Heart – *It Doesn't Have One!***

Its **Doctrine** is Public Op & World Improvement

Its **Worship** has been replaced by Entertainment

Its **Power** is only in its appearance

## *The Church at Laodicea*

### Revelation 3:17

Because you say, "I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing"—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

# THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

## 3.) *What Makes a church ugly?*

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## 3a.) *When the Body is Critical*

v.49-50

### **Take Its Pulse - *It's Dying!***

"It's now in love with Success"

### 1 Timothy 6:4

Anyone who teaches anything different is both conceited and ignorant. Such a person has an unhealthy desire to quibble over the meaning of words. This stirs up arguments ending in jealousy, fighting, slander, and evil suspicions. :5 These people always cause trouble. Their minds are corrupt, and they don't tell the truth. To them religion is just a way to get rich.

"It's now in fellowship with Themselves Exclusively"

### Galatians 5:14-16

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this: "*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*" :15 But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another! :16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

"It's now compassionate toward only those who deserve it"

## WHAT MAKES A CHURCH UGLY?

## 3b.) *When The Soul is Proud*

v.49-50

### **Look Into Its Eye's – *There's Something There!***

It's "Liberal and Progressive" on "Living"

The Church at Corinth was Liberal  
and was often displeasing to the Lord

It's Definition of **Prayer** is Positive Thinking

using techniques of the flesh and world

Its Witness is Political Correctness

Because It Fears What Man and Men Think and Say

## **WHAT MAKES A CHURCH UGLY?**

**3c.) When the Spirit is Neglected**

**v.49-50**

**Listen To Its Heart – *It's very Faint!***

Its **Doctrine** is a Convenience, Watered Down Message

### **Revelation 3:1-3**

“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, “These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: ‘I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. :2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God. :3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

Its **Worship** is a production

Its **Power** is in Its Looks, Wealth, and Ability to Network

### **Revelation 3:15-17**

“I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. :16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. :17 Because you say, “I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

It's Time To Ask The Question

## What's In It For Me?

*This is What's In It for You*

# CONSIDER THIS;

**YOU AND I MAKE UP WHAT A CHURCH IS.**

***WHAT KIND OF A CHURCH ARE WE CREATING?***

1. are you an asset and a blessing to others?
2. do you participate in church body life?
3. is the church becoming more like Jesus because of you?
4. if everyone tithed just like you - what could the body do?
5. if everyone loved just like you - what would that look like?
6. if everyone prayed just like you - what does that sound like?

## Five (5) Things to Do to Make Your Church Live

**pray** to the Lord who invented the church

*asking him to make it biblical, stay at it until there's growth, continue to seek Him*

**establish** a daily Bible reading discipline through the Bible.

*God speaks through His word, the more you have of it, the more you'll hear.*

**Look** for a need that you can fill and dive into it for Jesus' sake.

*present yourself available to God, then tell your pastor*

**use** your gift(s) to Gods glory and the building up of others

*find out what spiritual gift listed is yours and invest it*

**Be faithful** to it and glorify God in it.

*thru ups and downs, thick and thin, don't let anyone stop you from servicing God*

end.