

JESUS VERSUS PAUL

Luke 18:9-17

F.C Baur, a founder of theological liberalism, taught that _____ and Paul do not really teach the same thing

1) Jesus prepared the apostles for events yet _____ —the crucifixion and resurrection—that they could not understand at that point; Paul looked back on these events as history and focused on their true meaning

2) Jesus and Paul teach that we are _____ by faith; in Luke 18:9-17 Jesus foreshadows the emphasis of Paul

I. THE _____ OF THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR *18:9-14*

A. God Rejects _____

1) The Pharisee in Jesus' story demonstrated his self-righteousness in at least 4 ways:

a) He claimed to be a _____, like the persons Paul addresses in Romans 2-3 and Galatians

b) He claimed to go above and beyond the Law of Moses as a way to _____ for any law he broke

c) He compared himself with other human beings and put himself in a completely different _____

d) He thanked God for _____: "O God how thankful I am for _____!"

2) In response to Jesus' concept of self-righteousness, Paul in Romans introduces "God-kind-of-righteousness"—what _____ wrought by His perfect, sinless obedience and His death on the cross

B. God Provides _____ for Sinners

1) The tax collector stood afar off—like coming to prayer meeting and standing in the _____

2) He prayed, "God be merciful to me a sinner." "Be merciful" is usually translated "make _____"

3) Jesus made propitiation for our sins by bearing God's _____ on our sins when he hung on the cross

C. God _____ the Humble

1) The thought at the end of v. 14 is found 6 times in the NT: God responds favorably to the _____

2) God responded favorably to the humble tax collector by _____ him—the key to this story

3) "Justify" means to _____ right before God; Paul uses this word repeatedly in Romans/Galatians

II. THE _____ BROUGHT BY THEIR PARENTS TO JESUS *18:15-17*

Parents brought babies to Jesus to bless them against disease, but the _____ dismissed them

A. Children Have Great _____ to the Lord

1) Jesus rebukes the disciples: "Let the children come to me." He is NOT too _____ for children

2) As opposed to our culture, Christians must value children and sacrifice to have _____ in the home

B. Children Have _____ Capacity

1) Children can understand basic spiritual truths and make genuine professions of _____ in Jesus

2) Children have great capacity to _____ Scripture; parents can teach them a simple catechism

C. Children Exemplify How to _____ the Kingdom of God

1) What is it about a "little child"—an infant—that exemplifies how all of us must receive salvation?

Not their _____

2) The one unmistakable characteristic of an infant is their absolute _____ expressed by crying

3) Only those who have this kind of dependence on Christ (what the NT calls faith or believing) will be saved; the Pharisee was 100% dependent on himself; the tax collector 100% dependent on _____