

Sunday Morning, August 15, 2018  
The Tragedy of the Rich Young Ruler  
Luke 18:18–30

- I. Christ Reveals the Ruler's Disobedience: That He Really Did Not Keep the Law Lk. 18:18–20
  - A. The Ruler's Question Lk. 18:18
  
  - B. The Savior's Answer
    - 1. Christ Challenges the Ruler's Compliment Lk. 18:19
  
    - 2. Christ Challenges the Ruler's Obedience Lk. 18:20–21
  
  - C. The Savior Exposes the Ruler's Disobedience
    - 1. Law-keeping Is a Package Deal Jas. 2:10
  
    - 2. Christ Exposed Ruler as a Law-breaker
  
- II. Christ Reveals the Ruler's Idolatry: That He Really Did Not Love God Supremely Lk. 18:22
  - A. The Savior's Answer
  
  - B. The Savior Exposes the Ruler's Self-love Lk. 18:23–27; Exo. 20:3
  
  - C. The Savior Exposes the Ruler's Idolatry
  
- III. Christ Reveals the Ruler's Inability: That He Cannot Keep the Law or Love God in His Own Ability
  - A. The Savior Illustrates Our Inability Lk. 18:24–27
  
  - B. The Savior Exposes the Ruler's Inability
  
  - C. The Savior Does Not Expose His Sin to Crush Him, but to Save Him
  
  - D. The Savior Does Not Expose His Sin to Deprive Him, but to Fulfill Him Lk. 18:22, 28–30
    - 1. Christ Is the One Thing We Lack, 18:22
  
    - 2. Christ Is the Greatest Fulfillment We Desire 18:28–30

## Quotes

“Fallen man is not simply an imperfect creature who needs improvement: he is a rebel who must lay down his arms!”  
C. S. Lewis

"Nothing matters except this one thing of giving our wills to God. It determines whether we are destined for heaven or hell. How vitally, how terribly important it is!"  
Martin Lloyd-Jones

"The only man who has the right to say that he is justified by grace alone is the man who has left all to follow Christ. Such a man knows that the call to discipleship is a gift of grace, and that the call is inseparable from grace. But those who try to use this grace as a dispensation from following X are simply deceiving themselves."  
Boenhoffer

“There can be no one who is His competitor for Lord of your life. There can be no thing that is more important to you in this world than the Lord Jesus Christ. . . There is no competitor to Jesus in your life.”  
Derek Thomas

“To love anything more than God, is to make it a god.”  
Thomas Watson

“The companionship of Jesus is indeed a gracious thing for burdened souls; but it is a terrible thing for those who have any trust in a righteousness of their own. No man can call Jesus friend who does not also call Him Lord; and no man can call Him Lord who could not say first; ‘Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, Lord.’ At the root of all true companionship with Jesus, therefore, is the consciousness of sin and with it the reliance upon His mercy; to have fellowship with Him it is necessary to learn the terrible lesson of God’s law.”  
J. Gresham Machen

“Idols will inevitably involve self-centeredness, self-inflation, and self-deception.”  
Os Guinness, *No God But God*

“Not only do our good works not pardon our sin; they are, in fact, so mixed with our sinfulness that, if God did not act in love, they would actually be subject to his judgment. This understanding of the ‘evil of our righteousness’ gives us a new measuring rod for our sin, which we would not dare to use were we not certain of God’s grace.”  
Bryan Chapell

“God requires 100 percent obedience. He tolerates no other gods, part-time or otherwise. That is the nature of God. He demands total surrender to Him, and to Him alone.”  
John Gerstner

“One does not surrender a life in an instant. That which is lifelong can only be surrendered in a lifetime.” Elisabeth Elliot

“The believer shall find in Christ a full equivalent for anything that he is obliged to give up for Christ’s sake. He shall find such peace, and hope, and joy, and comfort, and rest, in communion with the Father and the Son, that his losses shall be more than counterbalanced by his gains. In short, the Lord Jesus Christ shall be more to him than property, or relatives, or friends.”  
J C Ryle

“But this I can promise you on the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ — there is nothing that you can give up for Him that He will not replace a hundred fold with something better, in this life and in the age to come. The Lord will more than care for those who give all and follow him.”  
Derek Thomas

“If I ever reach heaven I expect to find three wonders there:

1. To meet some I had not thought to be there.
2. To miss some I had thought to be there.
3. And the greatest wonder of all, to find myself there.

John Newton