

Luke 18:15-30

Lord your ways are right and your word is true. You are our source of comfort when we hurt, correction when we fail, and grace in all things. You are faithful in all that you do. Worthy of our worship and love.

Your word tells us, God sent his son that we might receive adoption and become heirs in his kingdom. You adopt us into your family and give us the right to be sons and daughters to the most high king. God, you loved the world enough to send your son to die for this to be a reality. And yet we as fallen people can see those around us as unworthy of your love and attention. We pull the children away from you because we have judged who is worth and who is not.

God, you want all people to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. Let us be a church that sees those around us like you do. Let us be a church that sees all people, man, woman, old, young, rich or poor, all of them sought after as children in your kingdom. You are for all people and we need to be a people that help bring them to you.

God, nothing is impossible for you. The sick can be healed, the dead can be risen, and hearts of stone can be made alive. Your power is without end. How foolish we are to try and replace you in our lives with hollow gods. We love the creation and not the creator. Lord help us see the things in our lives that are in the way of a deeper relationship with you. Wipe away our pride and selfishness and replace them with humble hearts that love the true God. A king who is limitless in power and yet intensely personal. God I pray that your spirit would move within your people so that they would know your love.

Lord, your ways are perfect and only the perfect are worthy to be in your presence. Who Lord then can be saved? There is no one who is righteous. We can know the law and follow it daily and yet we cannot be justified by it. It is not the works of the law that declare us righteous in your sight, rather thorough the law we become conscious of our sin.

Praise God that all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. We do not have to work daily for your grace, it is given freely to those who have put their faith in Christ. The good news for all people

Lord, help us know these truths more deeply. I pray for children here to day and through out the week, that they would know your loving grace. I pray for the people attending here today and through out Blackfoot, that they would be pulled deeper into a saving relationship with you.

God, I pray all these things in your mighty name. Amen.

Benediction

Philippians 2:6-8 Christ, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Church, may we remember Christs sacrifice. May we remember his servant mindset. And may we change our lives because of it. Let us put our faith in the one who was willing to humble himself for our benefit. For in the end, every tongue shall acknowledge that Christ is Lord. Amen.