

Matthew 5:20-32

The righteousness of the Pharisees could only speak to what people _____, the outward. Jesus gets to the **heart of the matter**

Let's compare: **They had heard.**

1. Thou shalt not **kill**... danger of the judgment. *Vs. 21*

Leviticus 24:21, Numbers 35:16-18

The **Judgement** - It was a court that sat in each city or town, and consisted commonly of seven members. It was the lowest court among the Jews.

Jesus said:

1a. **Angry with out cause** ... danger of the judgment. *Vs. 22 (Ephesians 4:26) 1 John 3:15*
Judgment - The lowest court of seven members.

1b. **Say Raga** . . . This is a Syriac word, expressive of great contempt. It comes from a verb signifying to be empty, vain; denotes senseless, stupid, shallow-brains . . . Danger of the council. (The **Sanhedrin** 72 total members of this higher court in Jerusalem)

1c. **Say Thou Fool** . . . danger of hell fire.

Joshua 7:15, Psalm 14:1

Hell fire is a reference to the fire of Gehenna. *2Kings 16:3, 2 Kings 23:10.*

In other words Jesus states:

1. **Im just** anger.

2. Anger accompanied with an **expression of contempt**

3. Anger, with an expression where **you curse them**

Matthew 10:28

Verse 23-26 THEREFORE - Because the matters of the heart are the most important matters.

Since sacrifices to God were required when they wronged each other _____

When not **right** with each other, we are not **right** with God.

Now Jesus will deal with other issues that caused them to go to court from what they had heard:

These are all **external** that were symptoms of the **internal evil**:

2. Do not **commit adultery**. *Vs. 25*

Jesus said: The internal:

2. Whoever **looks** on a woman **lust** after her has committed adultery already in his heart. *Vs. 26-30*

a. If your eye causes you to sin pluck it out.

b. If your hand causes you to sin cut it off.

1Corinthians 7:1

You have heard: The external: **bill of**

3. If you want to break the **legal union** get a **divorce**. *Vs. 31*

Jesus said: This is the internal:

3a. If you "put your wife away" for any cause except fornication.

3b. Whoever marries a woman who has been "put away" or divorced for this reason commits _____

So What?

*Our **righteousness** needs to **exceed** that of the Pharisees.

To be Sally is to live from the **inside out**.

Announcements

CHURCH POTLUCK - Today, following the morning service.

LAC is venturing out again to our home bound church members for fellowship and lunch. LAC provides the lunch and all involved provide the fellowship. If you know anyone who would benefit from this type of visit please let Patricia Pillars, Teri Wait or Cheryl Campbell know so arrangements may be made.

LAC ANNUAL MOTHER, DAUGHTER & FRIENDS TEA - May 4th from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm. We are currently looking for table hosts to set a theme and invite others within the church to join them. Once the table hosts & themes have been decided we will post sign-up sheets for others to join in the fun that day. It is a FREE event. We just ask that everyone bring a dish to pass. We will have music and a special speaker this year. If you have never been to one you will not want to miss this opportunity of fellowship it is great fun!!! Table Hostess Sign Up sheet is currently in the Welcome Center.

YOUTH GROUP & PARENTS - February 17th, plan on staying for a pot luck lunch after the service to get to know Brendan and Shelby Burkett - our new youth group volunteers! They are such an AWESOME couple and we want you to get a chance to hear their heart for teens and their vision for the ministry. Plan on one hour - also, all details for winter camp will be covered!

COMMITTEES - (FINANCE, MISSIONS, EDUCATION & MAINTENANCE) In April when the new fiscal year begins we will once again look at our four Committees and their current members. If you would like to be on a committee, continue to serve on a committee or be removed from a committee you have served on this past year, please see a Deacon or Pastor to make them aware of your choice.

2018 TITHE STATEMENTS - If you have not picked up your tithe statement it has been placed in the mail. Any questions please see Cheryl Campbell.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS SPEAKER - February 25th at 11am. Learn more about the growing concerns of human trafficking in our country / our home town. Beverages & Snacks will be provided. Please sign up in the Welcome Center or contact Cheryl at 269-353-8133.

CHURCH CLOSING - On any Wednesday through the winter, if Kalamazoo Christian Schools are closed, we will not have Awana or Bible Study and post it by 3pm. Sunday morning we are open if you can safely travel. In the event of a large snow fall, we will post the closing on channel 3 and our Facebook page.

BRONSON COMMONS SCHEDULE FOR 2019 - We need volunteers to sign up to provide a service and music to seniors that are residents at Bronson Commons in Mattawan. The dates for our church to provide services are March 10, May 19, September 1 and December 1. If you are interested in assisting with this ministry please sign up at the Welcome Center.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP - Sunday 5:30pm - 7pm at the home of Jim and Amanda Deters at 7585 Northport Avenue in Kalamazoo. Any questions or if you need directions please contact Jim Deters directly on his cell 269-330-8883.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER - Baked Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, & Red Velvet Cake. Don't forget to sign up.

MEANS BASKETBALL - Monday at 6:30pm for ages 16 and above.

MEANS PRAYER BREAKFAST - Tuesday 8:30am at McDonald's on 9th Street.

FOOD PANTRY - Help others in need. See Krista Asher or Lynn Anderson.

VISIT www.12hstreetbaptist.net for sermons, bulletins w/fill-ins, events and other updated information. For Members only. Anniversary, birthdays, pictures and business meeting notes on line using the Password: 12thStreet (case sensitive).

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

AWANA 6p-730P
BIBLE & PRAYER MEETING 6p-730P
CHOIR PRACTICE 730P-830P

SUNDAY EVENING EVENTS

SMALL GROUPS check welcome center for times and locations
YOUTH GROUP 5P-630P
YOUNG ADULT GROUP

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NURSERY

10 JUDY K, TRISH P, CALISTA
17 JULIE T, KRISTA A, ARIANNA
24 TAMI S, JESSICA W, CAYLA S

LAST WEEK

TITHES & OFFERINGS \$11,568.83
CHILDREN'S CHURCH 7.34
COFFEE DONUTS FELLOWSHIP 36.00
TOTAL \$11,612.17