



The Holiness of God—Part 8  
The Real Jesus—2  
From Sermon 10.9.22

Read *Matthew 7:20-23*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: As we look, for the second week, at the holiness of Christ, it's important to always go back to the Bible vs. our own desires and historical practices. Jesus is God. That means He is holy, sovereign, and immutable. Because we are not under the Law, it's been proven easy to make Him optional and casual. Once again, everyone wants the benefits of salvation, but not the price and commitment. We are now His servants. He expects the results of His grace to be spiritual fruit by us.

1. What is the "Lordship Controversy" and why does it matter? Sparked mainly by John MacArthur's book, The Gospel According to Jesus, it contends that not everyone who's had some experience or encounter with Jesus is saved. Genuine salvation is always accompanied by instant change. No perfect, but clear new desires and priorities. There are many (most) who went through some event, but they are no longer walking with the Lord, committed to church, learning the Word, or giving thru ministry. Were they ever saved to begin with?

Heart of the Controversy:

2. Are we saved by works? See also *Ephesians 2:8-10*. Absolutely not. Neither Jesus, Paul, MacArthur, nor we are saying that. We are saved by grace through faith in Christ alone.

2b. Are we kept saved by works? No! Again, MacArthur (and New Heights) is not claiming that either. We are kept saved (sealed) by the Holy Spirit. A saved person cannot lose their salvation.

3. Every genuine encounter with the holy will result in what? Change. Perfect and Complete? No. But, some instant changes and an increasing growth and spiritual maturity.

4. Are we saying that salvation in Jesus Christ is a process on our part? Not at all. See Romans 10:9-10

4a. However, what part of our Christian life is a process? Sanctification...Practical holiness. Maturity. See also Hebrews 10:14

5. Read *Galatians 5:19-21*. List the Works of the Flesh.

Sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, & carousing.

Read *Galatians 5:22-24*. List the Fruits of the Spirit

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. A crucified flesh with its passions and desires.

6. The hardest people in the world to evangelize are those who think they are already saved. [some past event, experience, prayer, emotion]. Take just a moment and think of all the people we know and love who do not walk with the Lord they claim to believe in. Take time now to pray for them and opportunities to share with them.