

Let God Be God
Things Are Not Always as They Seem
Job 20-21

The Pharisees were a party or sect of Judaism at the time of Christ. They were some of the harshest critics and enemies of Jesus. Pharisaism may be defined as “orthodoxy without true godliness.” It makes an appearance of being orthodox, correct in theology, and righteous outward behavior, yet the heart of a pharisee is proud, self-righteous, rigid, hateful, and opposed to true godliness, compassion and humility. Pharisees see themselves as superior because of their strict adherence to rules and regulations.

1. We live in an _____ and _____ world.

2. We live in a _____ world.

3. We live in a _____ world.

Injustice in our world should lead us to a sense of urgency with regard to the gospel. Successful people die in their sins because their prosperity makes them think they are ok. Impoverished people die in their sins because they think they are not worthy of salvation. The church has a message for both, and that message is the necessity of the gospel for the rich and the hope of the gospel for the poor.

Reflection

Recently, our church spent a few weeks working through a series called “Who’s Your One?” We challenged everyone to identify the people in your spheres of influence that might benefit from hearing the gospel. Let’s use this week to consider the urgency of the gospel that has been entrusted to us. Are you still praying for gospel conversations? Have you invited your one to church or into your home? Job shows us the necessity of the gospel for every circumstance of life. Your wealthy, self-sufficient friends need the gospel. Your impoverished, struggling friends need the gospel. Pray that God would give you the courage to take the gospel to your family, friends, and coworkers.