

Sermon Notes | July 5, 2026

Luke 18:9-14

Speaker: Pastor Tim Lee

Question: How can we be _____ by God?

1. We are not _____ by trusting ourselves (18:9-12)

2. We can be justified by God when humbly asking for _____ (18:13-14)

Main Point: God _____ sinners who stop trusting in themselves and come to Him for _____ .

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Getting Started

1. From the sermon or your direct reading of Luke 18:9-14, what surprised, encouraged, or challenged you?
2. What defines a “good person” today? What are some ways people today try to prove they are “good people?”

Going Deeper

3. Which form of self-righteousness do you most often struggle with?
 - a. Negative obedience: “At least I don’t do that.”
 - b. Religious obedience: “Look at what I do for God.”
 - c. Comparative obedience: “I’m better than that person.”
4. The sermon challenged our tendency to “vent.” How can we tell the difference between healthy processing and gossip that secretly makes us feel superior? Think about a recent time you vented about someone. Was it leaning more towards healthy processing or gossip?

Living It Out

5. How does knowing God already approves of you in the gospel, free you from needing approval from others?
 - a. In your relationships?
 - b. In your workplace?
 - c. In your family?