

Jesus Loves You If You Let Him

The Expectation of the Kingdom of God.

- The burden is light and He gives rest to the weary hearted. (Matt 11:28-30)
- Citizens of the Kingdom have a life that is abundant. (John 10:10)
- Examples of "citizens of the kingdom"
 - *The Apostles -
 - *Believers after Jesus' ascension
 - Timothy, modern missionaries, people at LBAC, etc

The Problem

Many times the people who make the "church" are:

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My Recent Conversations with the Family

- Jack: If we put in good behavior then God owes us blessings.
- Richard: When we sin we are not worthy of God's grace.
- Ben: God is so incommunicable that it is not possible to have a real relationship.

- Pastor @ C&MA District Conference
Even a conference of pastors needed to be reminded of the simplicity and necessity of the Gospel

A Parable of the Prodigal Church – Luke 15:11-32

- 15:11-19 - The Materialistic Son
- 15:20-24 - The Father's Unexpected Response
Lavish Grace on His Son
- 15:25-30 - The Rule-Abiding Son
- 15:31-32 - The Father's Patient Rebuke
- The Lost Son / The "Fire Insurance" Church Member
- The Working Son / "Works Driven" Church Member
- The loving gracious father = God our Father

So Why is Christianity so Hard?

- We are told by God that the only way to be saved is to believe:
 - *While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom 5:8
 - * Nothing we do will ever change His overwhelming amount of love for us. Rom 8:38-39
 - * He wants to take our sin on Himself and give us His Glory. 1 Peter 1:18-21
 - *A Perfect and Holy God was willing to become our sacrifice so He could truly make us His friends. Rom 5:9-11

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