

Mt.9.9-17 “New Things”
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The kingdom of God is for:

- ✚ the spiritually sick who want to be **H**_____ ,
- ✚ the spiritually corrupt who want to be **C**_____ ,
- ✚ the spiritually poor who want to be **rich**,
- ✚ the spiritually hungry who want to be **F**_____ ,
- ✚ the spiritually dead who want to be made **A**_____ .
- ✚ It is for ungodly outcasts who long to become God’s **O**_____ beloved children.

THE OTHER QUESTION vv.14–17

Unlike the Pharisees - the question of John’s disciples was **S**_____,
The scribes & Pharisees looked on their practices as a testimony to true **G**_____.

- In reality it was a testimony to their own **S**_____ -**S**_____ piety.

When form becomes the focus of attention, it becomes a **B**_____ to true righteousness.

It can keep an

- ❖ unbeliever from **T**_____ in God &
- ❖ a believer from faithfully **O**_____ Him.

The ... fasting ... practiced by the Pharisees was **A**_____ out of place.

- A fast is always meaningless if it is performed from habit & does not result from deep concern & mourning over some spiritual need.

✚ Going to Church on Sunday is hypocritical if it is done apart from a genuine desire to

- **W**_____ & **G**_____ God.

Fasting springs naturally from a broken & grieving heart, ... but fasting as a shallow spiritual ritual apart from such **B**_____ is an affront to God.

John’s disciples had no basis for **G**_____ faith since they had not followed Jesus yet.

Jesus made clear that He was teaching an entirely **D**_____ way of believing, thinking, & living.
He did not come to improve the old system but to **R**_____ & undermine it.

The two ways cannot be connected to one another or be contained one in the other.

Jesus’ new & **I**_____ Gospel of forgiveness & cleansing cannot be attached to the old & **E**_____ traditions of self-righteousness & ritual.

The only life that can contain true righteousness is the **N**_____ life given by **G**_____ when a person **R**_____ of his sin & **T**_____ in Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior.

Jesus did not set aside the divine law & usher in **G**_____ — (Nothing is further from the truth.)

Jesus declared that any opponent of the law was an **O**_____ of God (Mt.5.17–19).

God’s law & His grace have always **C**_____ & have always been perfectly **C**_____.

The **old wineskins** were not the teachings of the O.T. but the rabbinical **T**_____.

Marks of the true believer:

First, like Matthew, the true believer **F**_____ the Lord.

Second, the true believer has **C**_____ on the unsaved.

Third, a true believer **F**_____ legalism & ritualism.

✚ He fasts only as an expression of genuine **S**_____ concern.

✚ He does not try to attach his new life in Christ to his **O**_____ ritual or religion.

✚ He knows that what is begun in the Spirit cannot be completed in the flesh (Ga.3.3).

Freedom in Christ has no part in the bondage of legalism.

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