

"Secrets" of the Kingdom

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- 'opportunity' when ruler kneels before Jesus and asks...

A Theology Discussion Now? 18

- Jesus focuses on the man's identity & Jesus' identity
- Ruler believes his identity is pretty good wants affirmation
- Confused about Jesus' identity
- Question of if "good" applies to Jesus... is He God?

Jesus Uses the Law to Reveal the Heart 19

- Jesus uses the law to reveal the sinfulness of the heart
- Was ruler's understanding of law outward or inward?^{Mt521-22}
- Beware: sin distorts how we view ourselves - use Scripture
- Westminster Larger Catechism Q91-152 w/ scripture proofs
- Get it at: <https://www.oakbrookpca.org/resources>
- Ruler thinks he has kept God's law - 20
- Did he forget King David's words? Psalm 51:3-5; Jer 17:5-7

Amazing Grace to a Rebellious Sinner 21-22

- Jesus looked at the arrogant ruler and loved him
- God knows what rules this man's heart - and yours
- We tend to love the world more than the Creator^{Rm1:21-25}
- Adam: sought pleasure & autonomy rather than God^{Gen3:6}
- Jesus zeros in on the ruler's idol: sell all, give, follow me²¹
- Sin is not abstract set of rules; it is breaking a relationship
- Sin is an issue of what we worship - anything but God

Beware of Misapplication 23

- Wealth not evil; it can make us comfortable & self-sufficient
- Paul: love of money is the problem, not money^{1Tim6:10}

Jesus Reminds Us of God's Grace

- Jesus addresses them 'children'^{Mk10:15}
- We can't ever earn or merit the kingdom - only by grace
- To be saved, we can't depend upon our merit, you must depend upon God's grace and mercy; humble yourself like a child and receive His grace like a child!
- Who can be saved? With God all things are possible - even you!

Of Course, Peter Speaks Up 29-31

- Jesus... we've left everything...
- Jesus: you can't earn eternal life, trust God...
- God's family is better than any family who abandons you...
- God's economy is different than man's -
- The kingdom is received by God's Gospel Grace alone!

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