

**THE SAVING LIFE OF CHRIST**  
*Two Different Men...Two Different Destinies*  
**Luke 18:9-14**

*“Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”*  
~Matthew 5:48

*“It is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’”*  
~I Peter 1:16

*“For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.”*  
~James 2:10

*“...With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”*  
~Matthew 19:26

**I. THE CONTRAST: (vs. 9-10)**

*“For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge. For not knowing about God’s righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.”*  
~Romans 10:2-4

**The Temple...**

- The Court of the Gentiles
- The Outer Court...the Court of the Women
- The Inner Court...the Court of the Israelites
- The Court of the Priest

**II. THEIR CONFESSION: (vs. 11-13)**

**III. THEIR CONDITION: (vs. 14)**

*“For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.”*

~Matthew 5:20

*“...All our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment...”*  
~Isaiah 64:6

*“Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins.”*  
~Ecclesiastes 7:20

*“I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.”*  
~Galatians 2:21

**LESSONS WE CAN LEARN:**

- It is only by **DIVINE ACCOMPLISHMENT** and not by **MAN’S ACHIEVEMENT** that man is **JUSTIFIED** before God. It is impossible for man to be good enough to be accepted by God.
- A **CONTRITE** heart leads to **REPENTANCE**. It is essential to be forgiven and accepted by God.
- **RELIGION** does not lead to **RIGHTEOUSNESS**.
- Only a **RELATIONSHIP** through Jesus Christ allows man to be **RECONCILED** to God.