

# All Saints Day



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## Justified (Luke 18:9-14)

*"To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable."* Luke 18:9

### Four observations about the Pharisee

1. He has a goofy idea about prayer, v. 11 (Matthew 6:5-6)

*He's not asking, he's basking!*

2. He focuses upon *external* condition, v. 11 (Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28)
3. He has a jaded/braggadocios/prideful/work-righteous view of spiritual practices, v. 12 (Matthew 6:2-4, 16)
4. He blatantly plays the comparison game (John 21:20-22)

### Four observations about the Tax Collector

1. He really is a bad guy
2. He has a troubled/guilty conscience, v. 13 (Psalm 38)
3. He pleads for help from above
4. He prays a perfect, gut-honest prayer

### Jesus' disturbing response of grace, v. 14

*"Justified!"* Just-as-if-I'd" never-sinned

*"God made him to be sin who knew no sin so that in him we might become the righteousness of God"* (2 Cor. 5:21).

We are not justified by the righteousness that Christ works in us, but by the righteousness that Christ is *for* us. Look to Christ alone, trust in Christ alone—not your righteousness—for your right standing in God's court and your acceptance with Him.

#### CONTRIBUTION REPORT ~ CHURCH BUDGET ~ 10/25/15

	Weekly Worship Attendance	Weekly Offering Received	Weekly Offering Budget	Offering Variance
10/25	395	\$ 15,194	\$ 26,094	\$ - 10,900
	<b>Budgeted YTD \$ 443,598</b>	<b>Offerings YTD \$ 440,613</b>		<b>\$ - 2,985</b>
	<b><u>4 Those 2 Come Phase 2 Capital Campaign</u></b>			
10/25	<b>Pledged \$3,789,526</b>	<b>Received To Date \$1,371,918</b>		<b>Balance \$2,417,608</b>