

Grace Bible Chapel

Luke – Message #108

Sunday, January 18th, 2026

Luke 11:45-54 – The Rot & Ruin of False Light, Pt. II

V. Jesus' Journey Toward Jerusalem (9:51-19:27)

a. Ministry in Samaria, Bethany, and Judea (9:51-13:35)

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xx. What More Do You Want? (29-32)

xxi. The Lamp, the Lens, the Lie, and the Light (33-36)

xxii. **The Rot & Ruin of False Light – Pts I & II** (37-54)

Key Passage: Luke 11:52, *“Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you yourselves did not enter, and you hindered those who were entering.”*

Introduction: _____

False Religion is:

I. **Offended by Truth:** (v.45; Jn 3:19-20) _____

II. **Oppressive in Authority:** (v.46; Mt 23:4; Eze 34:2-10; Isa 42:3; 1 Pet 5:1-3) _____

III. **Orthodox in Appearance:** (vv.47-51; Mt 23:30; Gen 4:8-10; 2 Chr 24:20-22;) _____

IV. **Obstructive to Salvation:** (v.52; Mt 23:13; Jn 5:39-40; Rom 10:2-4; 2 Cor 3:14-16) _____

V. **Opposed to Christ:** (vv.53-54; Lk 20:19-20; Jn 8:37-40; Acts 4:1-3, 5:17-18) _____

Conclusion: _____

Reflection Questions:

- 1) Do I love and seek to know the truth, in all things, all areas of my life—only the truth?
- 2) When Scripture confronts me, do I submit and repent, or do I become defensive, offended, or evasive?
- 3) Are there areas where I measure my spiritual maturity by rule-keeping and performance rather than by faith, repentance, and love for Christ?
- 4) How might I be burdening myself or others with spiritual “requirements” which God has not commanded, and what does that reveal about what I believe earns God’s favor?
- 5) In what ways does this passage clarify the difference between false religion and the rest Christ offers in Himself?

Heart Check:

- False religion looks holy but resists the truth, burdens the soul, and blocks access to Christ, while true faith humbly receives His Word and finds rest in Him alone. When God’s Word exposes me, do I respond like the religious leaders—defensive and offended—or like a sinner who runs to Christ for mercy, freedom, and rest?

“The history of persecution of God’s people shows that the chief persecutor has been false religion. It is the purveyors of error who are the aggressive enemies of truth, and it is therefore inevitable that, as God’s Word predicts, the final world system of the antichrist will be religious, not secular.” John MacArthur