



SEVEN WOES OF SUMMER

THE DANGER OF CULTURAL CHRISTIANITY

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PREACHING POINT: God wants us to reject a cultural Christianity that leads to judgment and appeal to him for a genuine righteousness that cleanses us from the inside out.

1. See _____ (v.25)

2. Appeal _____ (v.26)

3. Expect _____ (vv.27-28)

Matthew 23:25–28 (ESV)

25 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. 26 You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean. 27 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people’s bones and all uncleanness. 28 So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

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Application Questions

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1. Write down one observation or application you found helpful from this week's sermon. Why did it stand out to you?

2. Read Matthew 15:7–9. Why do you think cultural Christianity is so appealing?
 - a. In what ways are people tempted to settle for outward religion instead of trusting in Christ to make them righteous before God and transform them from the inside out? Why is settling for this kind of religion ultimately futile?

3. Read Ezekiel 36:26–27 and 2 Corinthians 5:21. According to these passages, what distinguishes someone who has genuinely been converted from someone who merely practices cultural Christianity?
 - a. How would you approach a gospel conversation with someone who is starting to think they are a cultural Christian?

4. Read Matthew 7:21–23, Revelation 3:1–3, and 2 Timothy 3:1–5. What warnings do these passages give about having the appearance of godliness without genuine conversion?

5. Read 1 John 5:13. How can you pursue biblical assurance without falling into either false confidence or unnecessary doubt?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

August 2nd

Psalms 68-69 & Romans 3

August 3rd

Psalms 70-72 & Romans 4

August 4th

Psalms 73-74 & Romans 5

August 5th

Psalms 75-77 & Romans 6

August 6th

Psalms 78 & Romans 7

August 7th

Ps 79-81 & Romans 8:1-18

August 8th

Ps 82-84 & Romans 8:19-39

August 9th

Psalms 85-87 & Romans 9

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