

“The Gospel According to Luke: Beware of the Leaven of the Pharisees (Lawyers),
Which is Hypocrisy”
Luke 11:37-54

What is hypocrisy? The Greek word translated “hypocrisy” means “**one who wears a mask.**” That is, one who **pretends** to be what he is not. All we do, think, and speak should be consistent with **what we believe** and **who we are** in Christ.

*“For this is **the love of God**, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments **are not burdensome.**” (1 John 5:3). “Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find **rest for your souls.** For My yoke is easy, and **My burden is light.**” (Matthew 11:29-30).*

- Luke 12:1-3: “Our **reputation** is what people think we are; our **character** is what God knows we are.”
 - “Leaven” or yeast is biblically associated with evil (Exodus 12:15-20) and symbolic of sin (1 Corinthians 5:8). Hypocrisy starts small but grows quickly and quietly. It only takes a “little leaven/hypocrisy” to affect the “whole loaf” (Galatians 5:9).
 - **No hypocrisy exists before God.** The truth will someday be known, therefore there is no need or benefit to live in hypocrisy. All private words, all true heart conditions, and all private actions that we deceived men with will someday be revealed by God.
- Mark 7:2-9: “These washings had nothing to do **with hygiene.** It had to do with being ceremonially clean according **to the traditions** of the Pharisees. It pointed to holiness.
 - These traditions are not inherently evil.
 - They treated their traditions as if they had the authority of God’s Word.
 - They took their traditions more seriously than they took the Word of God.
 - They were more offended by people breaking their traditions than people breaking the Word of God.
 - The Pharisees had a major heart issue (Mark 7:21-23; cf. Luke 16:14-15).
- Luke 11:37-54:
 - In the Jewish culture, having a meal with someone was an expression of friendship. And when someone “reclined at table” the intent was to stay for an extended meal and conversation.
 - Despite the cleaning of the rim and bottom of the plate and the outside of the cup, the eating and drinking surfaces remained unclean and unsanitary.
 - When our hearts are clean and our desires are Biblical, our lives will glorify the Lord.
 - *The three woes/judgments of the Pharisees:*
 - They were self-righteous, therefore neglecting the need of a new heart. (Romans 10:2-3)
 - They loved the praise of men, the positions offered by men, and the rewards and recognition of men.
 - They defiled those who came in contact with them.
 - *The three woes/judgments of the Lawyers/Scribes:*
 - Traditions, practices, and religion do not change hearts. It leads to self-righteousness or despair.
 - They honored the Prophets with their mouths, but their hard hearts would have rejected the Prophets’ messages.
 - They had taken the Word of God from them and given them the traditions of men.

Worship: Rock of Ages — The Modern Post

God Omniscient, God All Knowing — Matt Boswell

Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right — Sovereign Grace Music

Closing Song: In Christ Alone — Keith and Kristyn Getty

Service Times: Sundays: Sunday School 9/Prayer 9:45a/Church 10:30a; Tuesdays: Bible Study — Women 6:30p/Men 7p; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20p/Church 7p

Account Balance: \$73,634.47 April Balance: \$79,835.91	Weekly Budget: \$3,471 Monthly Budget: \$15,043
Total Giving: May 4	\$5,422.00
Total Giving: May 11	\$3,022.00
Total Giving: May 18	\$1,819.00
Total Giving: May 25	\$4,760.01
Total Giving for May:	\$15,023.01

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Please see the June Newsletter for more information about our June Donation Collection for Heartbeats.

NEXT Sunday is the LAST day for this collection!

★**MEMBERS' MEETING:** We are having a Members' Meeting **TODAY**, immediately following the worship service. Please see the June Newsletter for more details about this important meeting!

★**VOLUNTEERS:** The Cleaning Ministry is looking for a few more volunteers to join the ministry. If you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions about the ministry, please see Krystal.

★**CANOE/KAYAK TRIP:** Saturday, June 14th. Please see the June Newsletter for more information about this event.

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch NEXT Sunday, June 15th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign-up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us.

★**MEN OF LEGACY LUNCH:** Please see the June Newsletter for more information about this event.

★**NEW MEMBERS' CLASS:** Please see the June Newsletter for more information about this upcoming class.