

Gospel of Luke, Chapter 18

'In the age to come, eternal life'

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1. Cry out to God till Jesus come. 18:1-8

- What is the main faith task of Christians?
- What do American churches do least?

2. Humble ourselves before God. 18:9-14

13 "God, have **mercy** on me." *hiláskomai*

14 "justified **before** God." *dikaióō*

"All are **justified** [*dikaióō*] freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a **sacrifice of atonement** [*hilastérion*], through the shedding of his blood." – Apostle Paul (Romans 3:24-25).

- Some pious Jews fasted food and water Mondays and Thursdays.



- *Didache* 8:1 (between 50 and 150 CE): "Do not fast the same days as the hypocrites do. For they fast the second and fifth days after the Sabbath, but you must fast the third day and during the preparation day for the Sabbath."

3. Receive life by simple faith. 18:15-17

Like Children

- What quality of children must we have?
- At what age can children believe in Jesus?
- At what age do children receive the Spirit?
- At what age can children serve the Lord?
- Where to infants go when they die?

4. Come follow Me. 18:18-25

Discuss

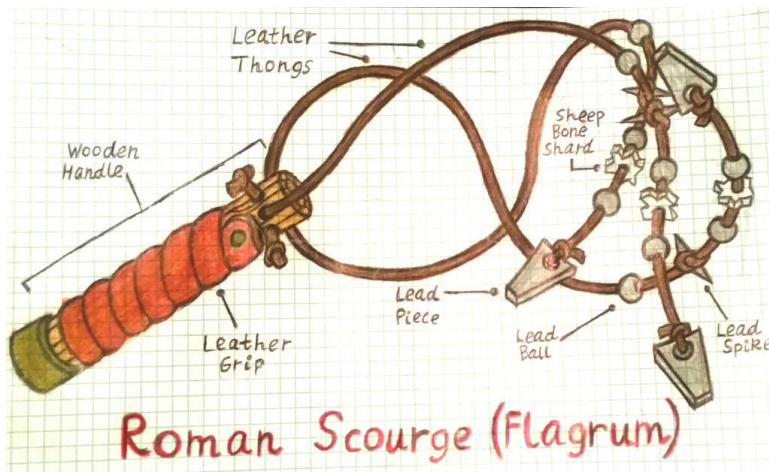
- Why did Jesus require this man to sell everything (but not others)? (Ancient philosophers used to test prospective students in this way.)
- Does poverty ensure everlasting life?
- Does 'keeping the rules' ensure life?
- What was the 'one thing' that this man lacked for everlasting life?
- What is the lasting lesson we must learn from this passage?

5. Follow Jesus at all costs. 18:26-30

- What advantages accrue to real Christians during our earthly life?
- When will we receive rewards earned during this life?

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you..." 1 Peter 1:3-4

6. Jesus' death and resurrection. 18:31-34



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Why did they not understand any of this?

- They expected the Messiah to be a king.
- It was "my servant" who, Isaiah said, would suffer, not "the Son of Man".
- The Holy Spirit had not yet come to them.

7. Trust Jesus the Messiah. 18:35-43

- What is significant about the title "Son of David"?

Faith can mean:

- Believe in myself. Self confidence.
- Adopt others' ideas. Trust their theories.
- Trust someone else. The object of our faith.