



Church People Are Perfect | Ryan Wekenman | 8.24-25

Weekly Study

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Welcome to Red Rocks! This week, we're continuing our series on **Bad Theology** by tackling a misconception that many have about the church: "Church People Are Perfect." Sounds funny because we all know this isn't true, yet it's a belief that can cause significant damage when left unchecked. Many people outside the church think that those within it believe they are superior or without fault. This sermon revealed that this perception exists and how we, as followers of Jesus, can counter it with humility and truth.

- Reflecting on your past week: What were some highs and lows you experienced?**
- What was your biggest takeaway from last week's sermon? How did it impact your thinking or actions?**

GROW

Read [Luke 10:25-37](#)

In *Luke 10:25-37*, Jesus tells the Parable of the Good Samaritan, a story that profoundly illustrates the importance of loving our neighbors, regardless of who they are or what they've done. In this parable, a priest and a Levite, both religious figures, pass by a man in need, while a Samaritan, considered an outsider, stops to help. This story challenges us to consider how we treat others, particularly when we fall into the trap of self-righteousness.

- How does the Parable of the Good Samaritan speak to the idea of perfection in the church?**

- What lessons can we draw from the actions of the priest, the Levite, and the Samaritan?**

The belief that churchgoers think they're perfectly illustrated by the religious leaders in the story Jesus is telling can create barriers between the church and the world. When we act as though we have it all together, we not only misrepresent the gospel but also set ourselves up for failure when our imperfections inevitably surface. The truth is, we are all imperfect people pursuing a perfect God. Acknowledging this can help bridge gaps and foster genuine relationships.

- Why is it important to acknowledge our imperfections as believers?**
- How can doing so change the way others perceive the church?**

MOVE

Read Hebrews 10:14

The Parable of the Good Samaritan not only calls us to love our neighbors but also challenges us to recognize that we are also the ones in need of help. Sometimes, we are the ones lying on the side of the road, needing grace and mercy. The Good Samaritan in this story that Jesus is telling is actually a story about himself. He is the Good Samaritan and we are all the man who fell into the hands of the robbers. Yet we can also be the self righteous individuals who pass by on the other side not reflecting the love that God has shown us.

- How does understanding that Jesus' sacrifice makes us perfect while also being a lifelong process of growth influence your perspective on your own faith journey?**
- In the Parable of the Good Samaritan, we are often quick to see ourselves as the Good Samaritan, but how does it change your perspective to see yourself as the person in need of help?**

Hebrews 10:14 shows the beauty of our faith. Jesus' sacrifice makes us perfect forever the moment we put our faith in Him, but it also starts a lifelong process of becoming more like Him. Even though we're already made perfect in God's eyes, we're continually growing in our faith. As Christians, we should live out this transformation and share it with others. Just as we

didn't earn or deserve the grace Jesus gave us, we're called to extend that same grace and love to those around us, just like the Good Samaritan did.

- In what ways can you live out the transformation that Jesus has begun in you? How can this transformation influence your daily interactions and relationships?**
- With this message in mind, how has your understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus shifted? What specific actions or attitudes do you feel called to change in your own life?**
- How do you plan to embrace the ongoing process of being made more like Christ? What areas of your life need the most growth, and how can you be intentional about pursuing that growth this week?**

P R A Y & C H A L L E N G E

As we close, let's take some time to share prayer requests. Whether it's healing from past hurts or the strength to extend grace to others, let's lift each other up in prayer throughout the week.

Have the group reflect on these questions throughout the week

- What specific challenge will you take on this week? How will you hold yourself accountable to it?**