

## ***Thanksgiving Lessons From The Lepers!***

### ***Luke 17:11-19***

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**Leviticus 13:46**, *As long as they have the disease they remain unclean. They must live alone; they must live outside the camp.*

**Romans 3:23**, *...for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God...*

#### **2. They Had A Common NEED**

**Luke 17:12**, *As He was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met Him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”*

**Luke 5:27**, *After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. “Follow Me,” Jesus said to him, <sup>28</sup>and Levi got up, left everything and followed Him. <sup>29</sup>Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. <sup>30</sup>But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to His disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>32</sup>I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”*

#### **3. They Were Given A Simple MESSAGE**

**Luke 17:14**, *When He saw them, He said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.*

**Ephesians 2:1**, *As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins... <sup>4</sup>But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup>And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

### **The One We Want To Be Like:**

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- God Has A Heart For **ALL PEOPLE**
- Too Few Of Us Really Thank God For What **HE HAS DONE**
- Ingratitude Grieves The **HEART OF GOD**  
**Colossians 2:6**, *So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.*  
**Psalms 107:1**, *Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever. <sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story...*

**Thought:** The Advent season is a great opportunity to share your story through Your Words, Your Worship, Your Thankfulness, Your Giving, Your Loving, etc.

### **What’s Next At Cottonwood Creek:**

- 1) Next Sermon Series: “The Advent Conspiracy!”
- 2) Advent daily devotionals begin Tuesday, December 1.
- 3) Christmas Eve Services: 2:00p, 4:00p, 6:00p

