

35 – Luke 12:1-12 – Be alert

Is it possible for you as a follow of Jesus, to ‘accidentally’ or ‘unconsciously’ slip up and thus unwittingly disqualify yourself from ever being saved?

Context

... Jesus is on his way towards Jerusalem (Luke 9:51)

The Pharisees and experts in the law did not repent but were furious and besieged Jesus with questions, fiercely opposing him. Hoping to catch him out.

Teaching the disciples

... them to be on guard against the yeast of the Pharisees which is hypocrisy.

... pretend to be something or someone that you are not.

How could this become their problem?

How easy it is for us to publicly condemn some sins that we do not struggle with but never speak about the ones we often struggle with but no one sees.

What are you like when nobody is looking?

... should throw us constantly toward repentance that relies on God’s good and lavish grace

When following Jesus is not easy

... will they follow Jesus regardless of the cost or will they follow Jesus only as long as it works out nicely for them?

... fear the one who has the power and authority to throw your body into hell.

... the nature of God they are called to fear.

The choice they face

verse 8

... confident in the face of gospel opposition

Unrepentant rejection of the work of God in your life will always result in separation from God for all eternity

Life following Jesus might not be easy.

Tough verses

a) **Fearing God** (v4)

Bcs none of us live lives worthy of the gospel and all of us deserve God’s wrath.

b) Denying Jesus publicly (v9)

... when we stand before hostile people and give a reason for the hope we have in Jesus, then we do not do so alone.

verse 12, through the work of God's spirit is equipping us with what to say.

c) Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit (v10)

“and anyone who blasphemes against the holy spirit will not be forgiven”.

You will never repent if you reject the work of God's spirit in your life.

For us today

Some ideas to speak about ...

- The problem of hypocrisy (and legalism)
- Do you fear God or people?
- Salvation by grace and speaking about Jesus, what should I do when I slip up?
- Living in light of judgement day and eternity.