

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 8:1-15

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## "IS THIS YOUR HEART?" – PART 2

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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**Luke 8:1**

Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God.

## **The Opening Scene of Chapter 8 is One That Could Not be Any more Picturesque**

An Overlay of the Gospels has This Teaching of Jesus' Along the Galilean Shoreline. Jesus, from a Borrowed Boat, Teaches a Mass of People.

In This Teaching Jesus  
Brings Us Face to Face with Who We Are

## **The Gospel Message of Jesus Christ**

*is presented before the eyes and ears of the world.*

*His message comes by invitation, an offer. the acceptance or rejection of that offer solely rests upon you, the listener.*

**Unlike Islam, World Dominance is not the Christian's Goal**

*because this world is not our home nor is it our final destination!*

**THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE COMES**

**NOT BY SWORD OR INTIMIDATION, NOT BY THREATS OR FORCE.**

**John 18:36**

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight."

The Kingdom of God, The Gospel,  
is a Kingdom Within The Hearts and Minds of Men

**Luke 17:20**

The Pharisees asked Jesus, when would the kingdom of God would come? and Jesus answered and said them, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; **21** nor will someone say, "See here it is!' or 'See there it is!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

**Philippians 3:20**

For our **citizenship** is in heaven,  
from which (from heaven) we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

**The Scene is This:**

*Jesus Paints us a Picture, As we head down the road, we see the sower casting his seed out into the soil of this world, the human heart.*

**Luke 8:4-10**

And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a **parable: 5** "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. **6 Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. 7** And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. **8** But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" **:9** Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" **:10** And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest *it is given* in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.'

**:11** "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. **12** Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

**13 But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.**

**14** Now the ones *that* fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

**15** But the ones *that* fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep *it* and bear fruit with patience.

**Luke 8:6&13**

**:6 Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture.... :13 But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.**

Ivor Powell Points Out

that even though 75% of those who hear the gospel eventually reject it, it is the little band of 25% that have changed the course of human history. just like a farmer who plants his crop, though 75% of his seed fails, it is that 25% that can feed the world.

What If I Were to Ask You To Join Me in a Venture, Selling All that we have we are going to launch out, but, we will lose repeatedly 75% of our investment along the way, every day?

**would you join me?**

**What if Jesus was to ask you the same question?**

The Church is Not About Quantity, It's About Quality.  
and God has Always Done the Greatest, with the Least.

**Isaiah 55:11**

So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

## IS THIS YOUR HEART?

**1.) A heart unable to go deep**

**v.6**

**Luke 8:6**

**:6 Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up,  
it withered away because it lacked moisture....**

This Type of Person, This Heart, is One That is Most Troubling to Me Because It Appears That This Type of Heart, This Person, is Very Prevalent in the Church and Out of the Church.

**This Appears to be The Response of Most**

The Ones Who Make Up that Great Number  
*of People You See Professing Faith in Jesus Christ.*

## A HEART UNABLE TO GO DEEP

**1a.) Because of its hardened will toward the Bible**

**v.6**

**Some fell on rock**

the, **rock-like-nature** of this heart tells us that this is a person who is preoccupied with other things. -  
an overstimulated heart & mind.

their inability to take in the word of God  
*leads to catastrophic results*

*these people don't have fangs / they're not carrying a pitchfork  
or singing a song - "Satan is Good, is Our Pal"*

## **Their Hearts are Very Open, Too Open, Things Fall Out**

### **Mark 16:14**

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked them for their **unbelief** and **hardness of heart**...

### **James 1:22**

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

## **A HEART UNABLE TO GO DEEP**

**1b.) Because of its poor knowledge of spiritual things v.6**

*...and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away*

this heart-soil "**acted**" or "**reacted**" quickly to the gospel message.

## **THIS MAN NEVER COUNTED THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS CHRIST**

### **Matthew 13:5-6, 21**

Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they **immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. 6 But when the sun was up they were scorched**, and because they had no root they withered away.... :21 this kind of person "endures only for a while. Because when **tribulation** or **persecution** arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.

## **JESUS IS FAITHFUL TO TEACH THE WORD OF GOD!**

**The Servant** of God is to Present to **the People of God** the **Truth of God**, Warts and All, Not Just the Joyful Scriptures but Those also that Speak of Sacrifice, Love and Hardship.

### **John 8:31**

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

## A HEART UNABLE TO GO DEEP

### 1c.) *Because of its failure to invest in the things of God* v.6

*because it lacked moisture....*

The Roots (the search) never found water, it went Deep

it never acted upon the truth.

it talked about it, it watched it go, it said "yes" but never sacrificed for it,  
in defense of it, in the cause of it...

R. Kent Hughes

These are Half-Christians. Which, realizing that with Jesus comes difficulties and Disciplines, in time surrender once again to the world around them. It is these Half-Christians that often become the greatest hindrances to the Spreading of the Gospel Because they live in a Bitter and disgruntled way toward Christ.

## IS THIS YOUR HEART?

### 2.) *A heart unwilling to commitment* v.13a

*Luke 8:13*

*But the ones on the rock are those who,  
when they hear, receive the word with joy;*

### 2a.) *But it agrees with the message* v.13

*But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear...*

By Virtue of the Fact that They Receive The Word (seed)

## But it's Only a Superficial Thing

**John 6:63-66**

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life. **64** But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. **65** And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father." **:66** From that *time* many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.

## A HEART UNWILLING TO COMMITMENT

**2b.) But it receives the message's influence**

**v.13**

*But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear...*

**They Receive the Fact, that the Gospel  
is an Influence to be Reckoned With, But.....**

**Hebrews 6:4-6**

For it is impossible to restore to repentance those who were once enlightened—those who have experienced the good things of heaven and shared in the Holy Spirit, :5 who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the power of the age to come— :6 and who then turn away from God. It is impossible to bring such people to repentance again because they are nailing the Son of God to the cross again by rejecting him, holding him up to public shame.

**Hebrews 4:1-2**

Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. 2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it*.

**But This is Only on The Surface**

**2c.) But it rejoices in what the message does**

**v.13**

*...receive the word with joy;*

The Exciting Things of The Gospel.  
the message, the music, the love of the people, the enthusiasm for life.

They See The Difference in People's Lives...

Dr. H.A. Ironside

"The danger with preaching and teaching a popular gospel is that it leads people to the Joy but never warns them of the dark and difficult days that are sure to come. in the end, the man is disillusioned and confused, feeling abandoned by God alone among men."

**It is a False and Dangerous Thing**

to Invite Someone to Know God without telling them about their need for Christ.  
They must come to Him in need of Him.

There Must First Be a Breaking That Comes, a Conviction of Sin.

"Then, Joy Comes in the Morning"

**Never Ask Someone to Join a Church**  
or to Get Baptized or to Come Forward,  
unless the Holy Spirit is Stirring Them toward Jesus Christ.

**John 6:44**

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him;

**But it's Only a Superficial Thing**

**IS THIS YOUR HEART ?**

**3.) A heart unbelieving in the end**

**v.13b**

**Luke 8:13b**

*but these have no root,  
who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.*

Model Homes Look Great...  
like trees planted in the springtime.

it looks great, even grows some. the leaves fill in and the top begins to spread, but the winds and chill of winter are on their way.

**It's Like One of Our California Earthquakes,**  
you never know how well built your home is until the foundation is rocked.

You'll Never Know What Your Family is Made of Until a Difficulty Arises.

**3a.) Time reveals what we're really made of**

**v.13**

*these are they who have no root...*

*Here Jesus Begins to Point Out That Seasons Change.  
life has its seasons, fall, winter, spring, and summer...*

**Summer in Israel is Hot / Like Here**

They Never Took Up Within Them The Nutrients of God's Word

So they fall victim to the pressures, to the demands of Life Because They Only Had a **Casual** Knowledge of God, It was a **Recreational** View of Christianity, a **Convenient** Approach to Knowing God.

## They are "Faux" Christians, Looking Real, But Not in the End

### Matthew 13:24

"The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; **25 but while men slept**, his enemy came and sowed **tares** among the wheat and went his way. **26** But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the **tares** also appeared. **27** So the servants of the owner came and said to him, "Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have **tares**?" **28** He said to them, "An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' **29** But he said, "No, lest while you gather up the **tares** you also uproot the wheat with them. **30 Let both grow together until the harvest**, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the **tares** and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."

## THE WARNING IS THAT THERE ARE FALSE-CHRISTIANS EVERYWHERE

### 2 Corinthians 11:23-26

*I have been beaten for Christ, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. **24** From the Religious Jews five times I received 39 lashes. **25** Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; I spent a night and a day lost at sea ;**26** in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, **and in perils among false brethren;***

## A HEART UNBELIEVING IN THE END

**3b.) Troubles reveal where our hope really is v.13**

*these are they, who believe for a while...*

This is Perhaps One of The Most **Shocking Realities** of The Bible.

### A Shocking Reality Because

#### #1

**Believing** In Someone or Something isn't the Same  
as Having **Faith** in Someone or Something.

#### #2

We Begin with Believing, but our Belief must take us to Faith.  
If it doesn't, We will Only Believe for Awhile

#### #3

Belief Cannot Get You Thru a Trial or Difficulty, It was Never Supposed To,  
It's The Faith You Have in Christ, That He will Get You Through!

**2 Timothy 3:12**

everyone wanting to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

**Philippians 2:12-13**

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

Only After We've Come to Faith in Jesus Christ Does Our  
Relationship Begin

When Tribulations - Difficulties of Life - Hardships  
When Persecutions - Bodily Threats - Physical Torture or Death

**1 John 2:18-19**

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. **19** They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

This person "**Acknowledges**" Jesus in Word,

Says "Praise the Lord", "Amen" and "Hallelujah"

But in Time, Their Secret Life Comes Out, Their Lifestyle Eases Back Into the ways of the World that they Belong to..

**2 Timothy 4:10**

The Apostle Paul Writes; For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world,

What Will The True Believer Do? (*he, she, will continue*)

**1 Timothy 4:16**

Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. **Continue** in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you

**Continue** #1961. ejpime÷nw epimeno, *ep-ee-men´-o*;  
to stay at it, to keep in your sights. to focus at with intensity.

**"Focus!"** - - Two Things Come to Mind;

Lisa Having a Baby, and Me Mowing the Lawn (*There Must Be a Focal Point*)

**Acts 14:22**

strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting *them* to continue in the faith, and *saying*, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

# A HEART UNBELIEVING IN THE END

**3c.) Temptation reveals what we really want**

**v.13**

*and in time of temptation, they fall away.*

**Matthew 13:6**

And when the sun was up, they were scorched

Matthew's Gospel Includes the Heat of the Sun

## The Sunlight Represents Testing

the timing of temptation is engineered perfectly by Satan himself, but it is allowed by God...

**THE SAME SUN THAT HARDENS THE SOIL,  
SOFTENS THE WAX**

## Satan is a Gradualist

slowly, quietly, while nobody's looking and while nobody's caring, he sneaks in to plant a seed, a wedge, a thought, an idea...

Satan sneaks his false doctrines and agenda in slowly  
and he often does so among the innocent and the defenseless.

In This Kind of Stony Heart,  
the temptation is viewed as an opportunity, not as an attack.

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

**James 4:7**

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. **8** Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

**THERE'S AN ATTACK COMING.  
DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH "BIBLE" IN YOU TO WIN?**

**Psalms 119:9**

How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. **10** With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! **11** Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

## WHEN TEMPTATION COMES KNOCKING

an amazing thing happens, the Bible that you have taken the time to plant within your heart - - it begins to come out.

## It's The Word of God That Combats The Evil

### Jesus Quoted The Bible When He was Tempted

Jesus Said; in **Matthew 4:4**

"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, **but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.** = The Bible!

The Amount of Bible in Your Life is  
Directly Proportional to The Power in Your Life.

**If You Have Fallen Away, and If You Can Hear Me,**  
Can You Hear Me, Listen, Don't Close Your Eyes, Stay With Me

Ask The Lord Now To Forgive You and Come Back to Him  
While You Can Still Hear Him Calling - Open Up Your Heart and Mind.

### And This is How - Receive Jesus Christ Today

**Agree** with The Lord that You Have Strayed far From Him. (*repenting*)  
**Recognize** that You Cannot Rescue Yourself Anymore. (*humble yourself*)  
**Acknowledge** Him Once and For All as Your God (*as your personal Lord and Savior*)  
**Rejoice** in His Amazing and Awesome Love (*with praise and worship*)

*If Jesus Were to Ask You Today*  
**IS THIS YOUR HEART?**  
*What Would Be Your Response?*

*End of Study*