

Luke 5: How to Kill the Truth

- ☞ **Luke 5:33-39**, Jesus didn't come to patch up or refill anything; He comes only to deliver new stuff, not patching our lives. He's giving us new ones, not patching up our sin riddled hearts; He's giving us new ones.
- ✓ This is a passage about the difference between truth and error, light and darkness. The Pharisees wanted a little acknowledgement that the things they were doing and believing were right, and Jesus' answer is "NO, it needs to be 100% replaced." When Jesus says He's the **way**; it eliminates all others. When Jesus says He's the **truth**, it calls all others' liars. When Jesus says He's the **life**, it calls all others' paths of death.
 - ✓ The Gospel of Jesus is 100% exclusive and mingles with no others. It accommodates no other religion and is here only to fully replace them. Truth is pathogenic to error and darkness; it eliminates them. To mix the truth with anything else turns it into the worse kind of error; the mixed truth prevents a person from acquiring more truth.
 - ✓ Additionally, Jesus said something very different about the Law of Old Testament compared to what He says to the Pharisees, **Matthew 5:17**. There is no contradiction between the Old and New covenants; one leads to the other, **Romans 3:31**. The Old covenant was the truth and the New is the completion and fulfillment of that truth.
 - ✓ Biblical Judaism was the truth and it led straight to Jesus. The Pharisees weren't practicing Judaism; they were practicing their self-invented version of it. They added stuff to what God had said, anytime you mix anything else with the truth, you kill the truth. Likewise, there can be no mixture with the truth because when you do, you nullify it.
 - ✓ We'd like to think that God approves of all that we approve of and holds our same convictions. But the truth does not move or mix; we have to come to it and let it remove from us falsehood.
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☒ **Bad stuff often starts out as good stuff.**

- ✓ The Pharisees hadn't set out to add all kinds of things to the truth. They fasted out of desperation to begin with; then it became routine, **Matthew 6:16**.
 - ✓ They prayed out of a heart for God; then their prayers became more and more religious and not real, **Matthew 6:5**. They gave out of a heart that wanted to help, then their giving became self-serving, **Matthew 6:2**.
 - ✓ What happened to these guys? The same thing that can happen to any of us if we get away from the relationship we have with the Lord and away from the Truth. The disease of false thinking and believing lives within our society and culture and within ourselves; we constantly have to be sanitized by the Truth.
 - ✓ What is the truth? **2nd Timothy 3:16-4:4; John 17:17**.
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