

Luke 9: Taking the Steam Out of Self-Esteem, Part 4

Let's review:

1. We have learned that Jesus had no Self-Esteem; He never esteemed Himself: never promoted Himself, never loved Himself first.
 - ✓ Jesus was the only human with intrinsic value and yet He never esteemed Himself; He esteemed the Father; He esteemed us. **Romans 8:29.**
 2. Jesus had no self-esteem and yet those who killed Him were the epitome of self-esteem and self-love
 - ✓ They couldn't stand His message because they loved themselves.
 - ✓ They couldn't stand to hear that they were sinners in need of God's grace.
 - ✓ They were so committing to their self-esteeming mindset that they killed Jesus to protect it.
 - ✓ Jesus attacked their self-esteem: **Matthew 23:25, 27; 33**
 3. There is no such thing as self-esteem, self-value, **Romans 7:18-19, Romans 3:11-18**, we are only esteemed and valuable in the context of the One who made us.
 - ✓ It's not who we are Whose we are that makes us valuable.
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4. We learned that the self-esteem movement has led us all into terrible days: **2nd Timothy 3:1-2**, those days are here.
 - ✓ We now have several generations of people in this land who have been deluded by this message.
 - ✓ Lie of greatness that they have been sold and believing in their superiority has now been tested by real-world events and they have come up wanting
 - ✓ They are now all victims since their problems can't be their fault - so society has to shoulder the blame.
 - ✓ They reason that their failures must be from something outside themselves since they are so wonderful on the inside.
 - ✓ They live with a perpetual sense of importance and personal power and blame what's around and *not what's in them* for their failure to achieve.
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The Church is in the process of splitting over this issue.

- ✓ Self-esteem is now a part of many churches' gospel message:
 - ✓ So, according to this Self-esteem gospel, if you want to be saved, you cannot believe yourself to be an unworthy sinner!
 - ✓ **Matthew 5:3-5; James 4:9-10**
 - ✓ The last days are characterized by a church with high self-esteem, that is wrong about the gospel, wrong about themselves and wrong about Jesus.
 - ✓ Jesus saw this coming and prophesied about it in the Revelation.
 - ✓ It's the worst church of the seven, it's the church that makes Jesus want to throw up, it's the church has Jesus on the outside and not the inside of it.
 - ✓ **Revelation 3:15-20**, this church could not have been more wrong about itself.
 - ✓ Ask them how they are doing..." doing great, never better."
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- ✓ The human dilemma is not as we define it, "what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and yet loses his soul."
 - ✓ Ask them if they are reaching people..." of course, our churches are full every Sunday." Everybody wants to hear the message that God thinks they're great, no repentance, major on self-love.
 - ✓ Ask them about Jesus' opinion of them - "He loves us and thinks we are awesome, what's not to love."
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✓ **Full of themselves and empty of Jesus.**

- ✓ Notice, its full of health and wealth, and in general health and wealth preaching is also accompanied with self-esteem and self-love preaching.
 - ✓ Completely wrong about who they are or how Jesus actually feels about them.
 - ✓ Completely wrong about their sin (an immediate consequence of high self-esteem is the thinking that you aren't bad, you're good).
 - ✓ Completely wrong about everything - the terrible times come as a result of the church that loves itself.
 - ✓ The world collapses because the church does.
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