

Myth #7: The Church is a “Holy Club”

Matt. 5:21-22 “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire.

Matt. 5:27-28 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Matt. 5:29-30 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

Matt. 5:31-32 It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Matt. 12:35-37 The good person brings good things out of a good treasure, and the evil person brings evil things out of an evil treasure. I tell you, on the day of judgment you will have to give an account for every careless word you utter; for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned

Matt. 5:48 Be perfect... as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Rom. 3:10-12 as it is written:

“There is *no one* who is righteous, *not even one*;

there is *no one* who has understanding,
there is *no one* who seeks God.

All have turned aside, together they have become worthless;

there is *no one* who shows kindness,
there is *not even one*.

Rom. 3:23 ... *all* have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;

Rom. 3:20-25 “...no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed... the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction [among believers] since *all* have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified [declared righteous] by his grace *as a gift*, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith.

2Cor. 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Rom. 5:20 –21 Where sin increased, grace increased all the more,

John 8:7 Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.

Matt. 7:1-2 Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get.

Matt. 7:3-5 Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

James 4:12 There is one lawgiver and judge who is able to save and to destroy. So who, then, are you to judge your neighbor?

The Church is called to be a people...

Who are keenly aware of their own failings,

Who accept God's outrageous mercy

**Who are being transformed by his
outrageous grace**

**And who extend this same outrageous
mercy and grace to one another and to
all people.**

**The Church is a Community Where
Outrageous Mercy Flows**