

A Wee Little Man

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I. Introduction

- A. Found only in Luke
- B. A perfect example that the rich can be saved
- C. Chapter 18 closes with the conversion of a beggar and Chapter 19 opens with the conversion of a rich man. Only in Christ is there no distinction.
 - 1. Galatians 3:26-28; Romans 10:12

II. The conversion of Zaccheus – vs. 1-10

- A. The direction of Jesus – v. 1
 - 1. See 17:11; 18:31, 35
- B. The description of Zaccheus – v. 2
 - 1. A chief tax gatherer: only time used in New Testament.
 - a. There were three main Palestinian tax offices: Jericho and vicinity, Caesarea, Capernaum.
 - 2. Thus, he was very rich
- C. The desire of Zaccheus – v. 3a
 - 1. John 6:44; 12:32; 15:16
 - 2. Acts 13:48; 16:14
- D. The distraction of the crowd – v. 3b
 - 1. Acts 4:13, 14
 - a. Sound character
 - b. Solid Fruit
 - 2. Hypocrisy In the church. Are you an asset or a liability to the church of Christ? I
 - a. I Corinthians 3:1-3
- E. The Determination of Zaccheus – vs. 4-6
 - 1. Three types of people.
 - a. Those who hope things happen
 - b. Those who watch things happen.
 - c. Those who make things happen. – 5:17-26
 - 2. Sycamore tree – v. 4
 - a. In great abundance – I Kings 10:27
 - b. Some of Jericho's streets were lined with them.
 - c. A great shade tree with branches extending from the trunk close to the ground
 - d. Does climbing the tree indicate humility?
 - 3. Determination pays big dividends – vs. 5, 6
 - a. Note however that Jesus took the initiative to arrange a personal contact.
 - b. Zaccheus “. . .received Him gladly.”
- F. The disapproval of the crowd – v. 7
 - 1. An increasingly common reaction
 - a. See: 5:30; 7:34
 - 2. Christ's methodology did not fit their pseudo—orthodoxy.
- G. The different direction of Zaccheus – vs. 8, 9
 - 1. The Fruits of repentance – v. 8
 - a. II Corinthians 5:17
 - b. The law required 1/5 (Leviticus 6:1-5; Numbers 5:7) in the case at hand and double in some cases. – Exodus 22: 4, 7, 9
 - 2. A glorious day – v. 9
 - a. See also: Acts 16:14, 15, 31-34
- H. The destiny of the Son of Man – v. 10
 - 1. The disciples did not use this title to refer to Jesus.
 - 2. It was the favorite way that Jesus identified Himself.
 - 3. John 12:27; Acts 2:22-