

**The Gospel According to Luke
The Church's New Clothes
Luke 11:37-54**

The Pharisees _____ v.37-44

- _____ things have become primary
- They want to be _____ rather than be holy
- They are like _____

The Rabbi's _____ v.45-52

- You weigh down men with _____ hard to bear
- You _____ the tombs of the prophets
- You have taken away the _____ to knowledge

The Church's New _____

My Response:

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Weekly Memory Verse: "Then watch out that the light in you is not darkness" Luke 11:35

How did the Pharisees clothe themselves with "religion" giving them a false confidence in the clothing they wore?

What would it be like to be exposed as the king in the "Emperor's New Clothes"? What will it be like for those who wear the clothes of self righteousness when they stand naked before the Throne of God?

Read Micah 6:8; Amos 5:22-24; Isaiah 58:6-7; and Deut 6:4-5. How do we substitute religious niceties for real spiritual transformation? What does that transformation look like?

How are legalistic standards both easier (as a checklist) and harder (never being perfect) than following the transforming Spirit of God?

Read James chapter 3. What does it say to teachers who have taken away the key of knowledge?

What areas have you been tempted to wear the "emperor's new clothes" when it comes to faith? Can you be a Christian and not a disciple? Can you live without dying? (Luke 9:23)