

Broken to Breakthrough 4

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Matthew 16:6 (TLB) – ⁶ "Watch out!" Jesus warned them; "beware of the yeast [the doctrine] of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

The doctrine of the Pharisee and Sadducees was self-righteousness.

Galatians 5:4,9 (NIV) – ⁴ You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace...⁹ "A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough."

The relationship between the church and the world must be free from the "yeast of the Pharisee." Are we known for who saved us or what we are against?

What Jesus called the self-righteous religious leaders:

- Frauds and liars
- Prideful hypocrites
- Blind guides who strain at a gnat and swallow a camel
- Filthy, greedy and self-indulgent
- They stink like a rotting corpse
- Snakes and vipers
- Murderers
- Children of Satan

Luke 7:34 (NIV) – ³⁴ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.'

Jesus was a friend of sinners. Jesus was kind and merciful to those who were lost in sin and broken.

Luke 15:1-2 (NLT) – ¹ Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. ² This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!

Why were the lost drawn to Jesus and repelled by the church? Jesus loved lost people and gave his life for them. Do they feel the same love from US? Loving the world will make us a friend of sinners.

Luke 14:16-23 (NIV/KJV) – ¹⁶ Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to

tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' ¹⁸ "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'...¹⁹ "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' ²⁰ "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' ²¹ "The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' ²² "'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.' ²³ "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges [divided places] and make them come in, so that my house will be full.

Romans 5:8 (NIV) – ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.