

HIGHLANDS CHURCH

Preparing the Way

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**The religious leaders hijacked God's law,
turning it from a reminder of their need for a
savior into a self-saving system of rule-keeping**

Isaiah 29:13

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God cares more about why you do what you do than what you do.

at 17:59

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John the Baptist's call to repentance means stopping self-effort and acknowledging our complete inability to save ourselves

Matthew 3:2

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Blessed are those that show up and go, God, I have nothing, but I need you for everything. God goes, now we can do our best work.

at 20:51

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The judgment of wheat and chaff separates those who humbly surrender to God from those who rely on their own obedience without accepting their need for a savior

Matthew 7:23

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Stop trying because you can't tie your own shoes. In fact, I made you tie your shoes so you would realize you couldn't.

at 20:19

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Jesus' baptism fulfills the 2,000-year-old promise to Abraham and Jeremiah's new covenant, inaugurating God's kingdom and turning religious systems on their head

Genesis 12:3

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Every time God's doing his work and we try and help him, we slow things down.

at 24:18