

## More than Rules

John 8

### Outline

*At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. <sup>3</sup> The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group <sup>4</sup> and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" <sup>6</sup> They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.*

*But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. <sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." <sup>8</sup> Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.*

*<sup>9</sup> At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. <sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"*

*"No one, sir," she said.*

*"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." John 8:2-11*

### I. There's Nothing Wrong with the Rules.

*"If you listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you." Exodus 15:26*

*"For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess....This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life." Deuteronomy 30:16,19*

*"Jesus declared, ' Go now and leave your life of sin.'" (vs.11)*

*"The enemy comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10*

## II. The Rules Can Be Misused.

*"Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin." Romans 3:20*

*"This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." Romans 3:21-24*

*"You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell?" Matthew 23:33*

*We are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." (vs. 24)*

## III. The Rules Are to Be Obeyed Out of Love for Jesus.

*"If you keep my commands, you love me"*

*"If you keep my commands then I will love you"*

*"If you love me, keep my commands. John 14:15 Rule keeping arises out of love!*