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Scripture Passage: Matthew 9:14-17

¹⁴Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" ¹⁵And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. ¹⁶No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch tears away from the garment, and a worse tear is made. ¹⁷Neither is new wine put into old wineskins. If it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved."

"Unbridled Joy in the King's Presence"

(Matthew 9:14-17)

"May a merciful God preserve me from a Christian church in which everyone is good. I want to be and remain in a church of the fainthearted, the feeble, and the ailing who feel and recognize the wretchedness of their sins, who sigh and cry to God incessantly for comfort and help, and who believe in the forgiveness of sins"
~ Martin Luther

Unbridled joy in the King's presence is a result of the fact that he has _____ our sin debt, _____ us in his perfect righteousness, and _____ us as his very own.

The gospel is completely _____ with any system of works righteousness.

1. The Question (v. 14).

2. The Answer (v. 15).

In the Old Testament, the bridegroom is _____ (Isa. 54:4; Hos. 2:19).

The arrival of the King means it's a time of _____.

"The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away" – The phrase "taken away" is an indirect prediction of Christ's _____.

3. The Illustrations (vv. 16–17).

Jesus is not an _____ to the religion of the Pharisees.

"If there be one stitch in the celestial garment of our righteousness which we are to insert ourselves, then we are lost; but this is our confidence, the Lord who began will perfect. He *has* done it all, *must* do it all, and *will* do it all. Our confidence must not be in what we have done, nor in what we have resolved to do, but entirely in what *the Lord* will do. Unbelief insinuates: 'You will never be able to stand. Look at the evil of your heart, you can never conquer sin; remember the sinful pleasures and temptations of the world that beset you, you will be certainly allured by them and led astray.' Ah! Yes, we should indeed perish if left to our own strength. If we had alone to navigate our frail vessels over so rough a sea, we might well give up the voyage in despair; but, thanks be to God, He will complete that which concerns us and bring us to the desired haven. We can never be too confident when we confide in Him alone, and never too eager to have such a trust."
~ Charles Spurgeon