

Title: Living in “Limb”o

Text: Luke 19:1-10

Target: WE AT CBC ARE CALLED—AS A CHURCH AND A PEOPLE—TO HELP LIFT PEOPLE FROM ALL THAT BLOCKS JESUS IN ORDER TO SEE JESUS!

I. The Title of Corruption: *“he was a chief tax collector and was rich” (19:2)*

a. Unwanted by Reputation: Considered a traitor because of exploitation.

b. Unclean by Relationship: Considered detestable because of Gentile affiliation.

II. A Tree of Elevation: *“he was seeking to see who Jesus was” (19:3)*

a. Stature was Constricting: *“he was small in stature” (Vs. 3)*

b. Size of the Crowd: *“on account of the crowd” (Vs. 3)*

c. Statement of Curiosity: *“he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way” (Vs. 4)*

i: Undignified Expression (Run and Climb)

ii: Uncovering Emptiness (Climbing, but never Arriving)

III. A Table of Association. (19:5-6)

a. Pursues Purposefully: *“And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up” (Vs. 5)*

b. Speaks Significance: *“Zacchaeus” (Vs. 5)*

c. Inspires Invitation: *“hurry and come down” (Vs. 5)*

d. Bestows Blessing: *“I must stay at your house today” (Vs. 5)*

e. Requires a Response: *“So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully” (Vs. 6)*

IV. A Testimony of Salvation: *“Today, salvation has come to this house” (19:9)*

a. Repentance: *“the half of my goods I give to the poor” (Vs. 8)*

b. Restitution: *“If I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore if fourfold” (Vs. 8)*

c. Rejoicing: *“since he also is a son of Abraham” (Vs. 9)*

V. A Target of Ambition. “For the Son of Man” (19:10)

a. Live Intentionally: *“came to seek” (19:10)*

i: Matthew 5:32

ii: Mark 2:17

iii: 1 Timothy 1:15

b. Love Radically: *“and to save” (19:10)*

c. Liberate all in Captivity: *“the lost” (19:10)*

Take Away: There is no record of Jesus shaming Zacchaeus, compassion leads to repentance.