

Confronting Cozy Christianity

[Luke 6:46](#)

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Why Do You Call Me, "Lord, Lord," and Not Do The Things I Say?

1. Sin is alive and well
2. Misunderstanding of Grace
3. Unawareness of Scripture
4. We Enjoy Our Comfort

What Others are Saying About Cozy Christianity

"Comfort is not God's ultimate aim for your life. Holiness and Christ-likeness are."

– John Piper

"O easy, luxurious, comfortable Christian! While you are lolling on your couch, the sinner is going down to woe! ... Rouse thyself from thy indulgence, and work. Do it with might. Spend and be spent."

– Horatius Bonar

"Their religion is a great soft cushion. It protects them from the hard unpleasantness of life, while changing its place and shape to suit their convenience."

– John Stott

"If our Christianity does not make us uncomfortable, it does not disrupt or disturb us. If it leaves us where we are, then I'm afraid our Christianity is not Christ's Christianity."

– Kirk Miller

[Amos 6:1a](#), *Woe to you who are complacent in Zion.*

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[Luke 16:19–31](#), *There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.*

²²*The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴So he called to him, "Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire."*

²⁵But Abraham replied, "Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us."

²⁷He answered, "Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment."

²⁹Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them." ³⁰"No, father Abraham," he said, "but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent."

³¹He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

Lazarus – Who God Helps

When We Confront Cozy Christianity

1. We need to properly define luxury.
2. We need to realize that being uncomfortable is healthy.
3. We need to remember that how you see others reveals you.
4. We need to remember that how you see others reveals your faith.
5. We need to be challenged that indifference is not a good option.
6. We need to be confronted with the reality that heaven and hell are real.
7. We need to be reminded that in eternity status vanishes instantly.
8. We need to warn others about the urgency of eternity.
9. We need to get ready now.