



**Chesapeake Church**  
**SUNDAY MORNING TEACHING SERIES**

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*“My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words,  
but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, so that your faith  
might not rest on men’s wisdom, but on God’s power.”*  
*1 Corinthians 2:4-5*

**Can We Be Honest?**

February 14, 2010 – March 21, 2010

**Series Overview**

Honesty is the best policy – so long as it's the other guy being honest with us! We live in a world of shaded truths and moving absolutes. One would think that the one place honesty would thrive is the church – didn't Jesus say, “I am the way and the truth ...” And yet, how honest do we really get? Why is that? What would it be like if we could be honest with each other? *Can* we be honest?

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**WE KEEP LOOKING FOR LOOPHOLES**  
**FEBRUARY 28, 2010**

God can seem pretty demanding sometimes. Often it's hard to believe He really expects all that He asks. How much do we really have to give up in order to just please Him? Certainly there's got to be a loophole in there somewhere. From the Garden of Eden onward, people have been looking for loopholes. But guess what? There aren't any.

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Loophole: A way of escape; an ambiguity or omission through which the intent of a statute, contract or obligation may be evaded.

These people ... honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me. (Isaiah 29:13)

“When you bring injured, crippled or diseased animals and offer them as sacrifices, should I accept them from your hands?” says the Lord. “Cursed is the cheat who has an acceptable male in his flock and vows to give it, but then sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord. For I am a great king,” says the Lord Almighty, “and My name is to be feared among the nations.” (Malachi 1:13-14)

Do not be fooled: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. (Galatians 6:7)

“Not everyone who says to Me ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you.’”

(Matthew 7:21-23)

Surely You desire truth in the inner parts; You teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

(Psalm 51:6)

Create in me a pure heart, O God, renew a steadfast spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

(Psalm 51:16)

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

(Psalm 51:17)

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For night and day Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord” – and You forgave the guilt of my sin.

(Psalm 51:3-5)

This will take place on the day when God will judge men’s secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.

(Romans 2:16)

Read: Psalm 139:1-24

Pray: Psalm 139:23-34

Do: Today