
'Forgiven Much'
Know the Real Jesus
Luke 7:36 - 8:3 ESV

1) Jesus presence exposes what's secretly in the heart.

³⁶One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table

a) For the sinful lady: outward gratefulness & generosity

³⁷And behold a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸and stand-ing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with ointment.

vs 7:37-38

b) For the legalist: inward contempt & condemnation

*³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself: "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." ⁴⁰And Jesus answering said to him: Simon, I have something to say to you. And he answered: Say it, Teacher. **vs 7:39-40***

2) Jesus' pardon experienced by faith impacts deeply.

a) A lot of love for Jesus is often expressed by the worst of sinners

⁴¹A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

⁴²When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?

⁴³Simon answered: The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt. And he said to him: You have judged rightly.

⁴⁴Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon: Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.

⁴⁷Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much...

⁴⁸And he said to her: Your sins are forgiven. ⁴⁹Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves: Who is this, who even forgives sins?

*⁵⁰And he said to the woman: Your faith has saved you; go in peace. **vs 7:41-47a, 48-50***

*"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love." **Galatians 5:6***

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” **Romans 5:1**

b) A **little** love for Jesus is too often expressed by those who see themselves as the **least** sinful

“But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” **vs 47b**

May we never forget who we were before God called us to Christ –

1 Corinthians 1:20-31

“Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the des-pised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.” **1 Corinthians 1:20-31**

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