

Sunday Message Meditation (Oct 12, 2014)

Text: Luke 7:36-50.

- I. Jesus – He is God!
 - a. Heals with only words (Lk. 7:1-10).
 - b. Raises the dead (Lk. 7:11-17).
 - c. Fulfills Scripture (Lk. 7:18-35).
 - d. Forgives sin (Lk. 36-50).
 - i. Luke paints a clear picture that Jesus is God.
 - ii. Many in Jesus day, and to the very present day, have reached the same conclusion and have placed their faith in Him. Jesus forgives! Jesus saves!
- II. Simon, the Pharisee – Acts like God as he sits in judgment.
 - a. Determines Jesus isn't even a prophet.
 - b. Determines the sinful woman is beyond redemption.
 - c. Determines he has earned his own righteousness.
 - i. Simon plays God and is wrong about everything.
 - ii. His own sin, which he has overlooked, causes him to be (a) aloof to others, (b) ungrateful toward God, and (c) unreasonable in his thoughts.
 - iii. Forgiveness is available to him, just like the "sinful woman."
- III. The forgiven woman – Trusts in God and is thankful to Him.
 - a. She's not playing God – she's believing God.
 - b. She is not sitting in judgment – she is kneeling before her Savior.
- IV. Message from the Parable: Those who have been forgiven much love much... & those who are forgiven are those who have placed their faith in Jesus! Jesus saves! Jesus forgives!

In Jesus' parable there was one money-lender and two debtors - one debt was large, the other was small. The good news is the money-lender forgave both debts.

Are there really big and small debtors in relation to God?

How do you see your own sin debt? How do you compare your sin debt with others?

Have you received forgiveness for your sin?

Have you been credited with eternal righteousness? (Romans 3:1-5:21)

How does both forgiveness and credited righteousness influence your relationship with God?