

INTRODUCTION

- * In 1 Timothy 2:3-4 we read that God has a desire for "all men (people) to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." In 1 John 2:2 we read that Jesus died to be the propitiation for the sins of the whole world. The question is: Do we really believe that? If so, how do we exemplify it in our lives? How do we treat others?
- * After we have received the free gift of salvation through Christ and have had His righteousness applied to our "account," do we become judgmental of others who have not yet received that gift? Do we forget the wonder and awe of our redemption? Were we ever truly overwhelmed with the forgiveness that God extended us - freely?
- * In today's passage, we see Jesus' interactions with Simon the Pharisee and a Sinful woman - a man who was self-righteous and a woman who was publicly despised. There is much for us to learn and to be challenged by in this account which is only recorded by Luke.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE INVITATION (v. 36)

- A. Simon A _____ (cf. Acts 16:30-31; Revelation 3:20-21)
- B. Jesus A _____ (cf. Luke 5:29-32; 20:21)

II. THE INTERRUPTION (v. 37-38)

- A. The D _____ of the Woman (v. 37; cf. John 11:1-2)
- B. The D _____ of the Woman (v. 38)
 1. SHE S _____ AT JESUS' FEET (Submission)
 - a. She A _____ the Scornful Looks
 - b. She A _____ the Submissive Role
 - c. She A _____ the Authority of Christ
 2. SHE W _____ JESUS' FEET (Service; cf. John 13:3-17)
 3. SHE A _____ JESUS' FEET (Sacrifice; cf. Matt 26:7)

III. THE INTERACTIONS (v. 39-50)

A. Between Jesus and the Pharisee (v. 39-47)

1. THE R _____ OF SIMON (v. 39)
 - a. His Disdain for Jesus
 - b. His Disdain for the Woman (cf. Romans 5:6-8; 1 Timothy 2:3-4; John 3:16)
2. THE R _____ OF JESUS (v. 40-47)
 - a. His I _____ (v. 40-42)
 - b. His I _____ (v. 42-43)
 - c. His I _____ (v. 44-47)

C. Between Jesus and the Sinner (v. 48-50)

1. YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN (v. 48-49; cf. Luke 5:20-21; Psalm 32:1-2; Isaiah 43:25; 44:22; Micah 7:18-19)
2. YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU (v. 50; cf. Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 3:19-28; James 2:17-26)
3. GO IN PEACE (v. 50; cf. John 14:27; Romans 5:1)

INTROSPECTION

- * How do you view and treat others - who you consider "sinners"? Do you treat them with disdain or desire to see them set free?
- * How much love and devotion do you display to Jesus?
- * Have you allowed Jesus to enter in your heart? Is He on the throne of your heart?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * Read Revelation 3:14-22 regarding the church of Laodicea. What applications can we make - both positive and negative - to our church and the church of the United States?