

“God Truly Loves You”

Luke 7:36-50

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Take Home Truth - When we truly believe in God’s love for us and understand our identity in Christ, we can experience great freedom, purpose and peace in our lives.

Outcome #1 - We find freedom.

When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume.³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.”⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you” “Tell me, teacher,” he said.⁴¹ “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?”⁴³ Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.” “You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet.⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet.⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.” Luke 7:36-50 (New International Version)

A. Freedom from sin.

“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”
Hebrews 8:12 (NIV)

“Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.³⁹ Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.” Acts 13:38-39 (NIV)

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:11-12 (NIV)

B. Freedom from condemnation.

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
Romans 8:1 (NIV)

C. Freedom to approach God.

Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence. Ephesians 3:12 (New Living Translation)

Outcome #2 - We see God's purpose for our lives more clearly.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

Outcome #3 - We receive God's peace.