

The Simple GOSPEL

OF JESUS CHRIST

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FORGIVINESS AND LOVE

The one who is Forgiven much Loves much! The one who is never wrong, never seeks to be forgiven by anyone, God or mankind. Since they do not admit any wrongdoing, and they take offense if they are told that they have wronged **God** or people. They just can't imagine that 'sin' is possible. Let me take you to such a place in time, when **Jesus** was repelled by the self righteous, and touched by sinners. Luke 7:36-39: Then one of the Pharisees (Simon) asked **Him** to eat with him. And **He** went to the Pharisee's house, and sat

down to eat. And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that **Jesus** sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought **an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, and stood at His feet behind Him weeping**; and she began to wash **His** feet with her tears, and wiped **them** with the hair of her head; and she **kissed His feet and anointed them with**

the fragrant oil. Now when the Pharisee who had invited **Him** saw *this*, he spoke to himself, saying, "This **Man**, **if He** were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman *this is* who is touching **Him**, for she is a sinner."

Poor Simon the Pharisee, while trying to help **Jesus** out, didn't stop to consider that we all are sinners, **we all need to touch Jesus our Savior and be Forgiven of our sins**, though they be many!

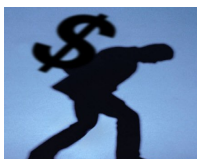
WHO WILL LOVE THE SAVIOR MORE?

Luke 11:40-50.

And **JESUS** answered and said to him, "**Simon, I have something to say to you.**"

So he said, "Teacher, say it."

"There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?"



Simon answered and said, "I suppose the *one* whom **He** forgave more."

And **He** said to him, "**You have rightly judged.**" Then **He** turned to the woman and said to Simon, "**Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to**

you, her sins, *which are many*, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loves little."

Then **He** said to her, "**Your sins are forgiven.**"

And those who sat at the table with **Him** began to say to themselves, "**Who is this who even forgives sins?**"

Then **He** said to the woman, "**Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.**" (NKJV).

Oh the Joy and freedom of admitting we have sinned, and then touching our Savior. "**Blessed are the Pure in Heart, for they Shall See GOD!**" —**JESUS**. Matt 5:8.

