



A Friend of the Sinful

Jesus: Savior & Friend – Part 3

Luke 7:36-50

“You’ll never guess who’s in church today!” I’ve heard people make that statement dozens of times through the years. They then tell me of some person whom they thought would never darken the door of the church. But Christ welcomed all people. Let’s look at how he befriended a very sinful woman. And as we do, be reminded that there is no sin so heinous that Christ cannot forgive. He wants to befriend you.

I. He elicits _____ guilt.

- A. Psychologists speak a lot about the _____ consequences of guilt – what they call “_____ guilt.”
 - 1. Toxic guilt may be feeling guilty for things that are perfectly _____.
 - 2. Toxic guilt is feeling guilty for things that God has _____ you of long ago.
 - 3. Toxic guilt is feeling guilty for things because other people _____ of them.
 - 4. Toxic guilt is feeling guilty for things that aren’t really _____.
- B. What is often overlooked today is that there is a _____ guilt, a _____ guilt.
- C. Jesus is a friend of sinners because he _____ this healthy guilt in us, usually in one of four ways:
 - 1. Through _____. (Romans 2:15)
 - 2. Through _____. (2 Kings 22:13)
 - 3. Through corporate _____. (Matthew 18:20)
 - 4. Through _____, _____. (2 Samuel 12:1-14)

II. He encourages _____ repentance.

- A. This woman _____ genuine repentance.
- B. Jesus always _____ genuine repentance—which involves three steps:
 - 1. _____ — “I was wrong. I have sinned against God.”
 - 2. _____ — “I am sorry. There is brokenness and tears.”
 - 3. _____ — “I will stop rebelling against God and walk in his will.”
- C. Jesus is a friend because he encourages that kind of _____ repentance.

III. He offers _____ forgiveness.

- A. A good friend _____ offenses.

B. Jesus is a _____ friend of sinners because he forgives their sins though they cost him his life.

IV. He promises _____ peace.

A. This woman left in peace for two reasons:

1. She _____ that her sins were forgiven.

2. Her life was going to be _____.

B. Jesus is our friend because he grants an inner peace.