

# I Believe

## The Forgiveness of Sin

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**Scripture:** Luke 7:36-50 (ESV)

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### Notes:

#### The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontious Pilate;  
Was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven  
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body  
And the life everlasting.  
Amen!

#### The reaction to Jesus Christ

- Pharisees looked to trap Jesus
- Simon questioned the credibility of Jesus
- Sinner wanted to worship Jesus
- How do you respond to the presence of Jesus...the truths of who He is?

#### The reaction to sin

- Comparison and contempt
- Awareness
- Jesus corrected Simon
- Jesus cared for Sinner

### The reaction to forgiveness

- Forgiveness — the act of God by which He absolves the sinner from condemnation and removes guilt of sin on account of the work of Christ.
- The forgiven respond with deeper love
- The forgiven respond with acts of worship
- The unforgiven respond with cynicism
- The Forgiver sends out

*“There’s more grace and forgiveness in Jesus’s little finger than there is sin in the vilest sinner.”* —Thabiti Anyabwile

### This week...

- Remember the depths of your sin
- Dwell in the mercy of God
- Receive the forgiveness of Jesus Christ
- Offer forgiveness

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen. —Book of Common

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### Other Passages to Consider

Psalm 130:4, Nehemiah 9:17, Matt 6:12-15, Matthew 9:1-6, Luke 6:37-38, Colossians 1:13-14, Colossians 2:13-14