

Theme: The more we comprehend the depth of our sin, the greater our appreciation of the depth of Christ’s love. And the more we comprehend His forgiveness and grace, the greater our response of love.

Background & Introduction:

- Not a retelling of incident from Matthew 26:7ff
- Revealed in this morning’s passage is another picture of Christ’s great love for sinners.

I. A Revealing Invitation

A. Simon entertains Jesus

1. Out of love for Christ? No.
2. It reveals his heart
 - a. Attitude toward “sinners”?
 - b. Toward Jesus?
 - c. Toward self??

B. Jesus accepts!

1. With “saints” and “sinners”
2. Not bothered by “interruptions”
3. Delights in the worship of his children

II. A Notorious Visitor

A. The rules

1. Acceptable
 - Special guest – doors would be open - hear the guest/teacher
2. Unacceptable
 - Not *all* are welcome

B. The reverence

- Acts of amazing love and humility!

C. The response

1. Jesus?
 - Accepts the worship and honor this woman brings

NOTE: 1st: The offer of forgiveness of sins
2nd: Saving Faith
3rd: The evidence of Faith

2. The Pharisee?
 - Can only see who she was. Can't recognize the New creation.
 - Continued judgment of the woman
3. Jesus' divine knowledge
 - Knows the heart of this **new** woman
 - And knows the *thoughts* of the Simon!

III. An Uncomfortable Exchange - Parable of Two Debtors

A. A parable for Simon

- Speaks to Simon directly
- Whole room listening in!

1. The parable – very brief – Very pointed!
2. Simon says. Gives right answer – very reluctantly “I suppose...”
3. “Good answer” – says Jesus.

B. A living parable

1. “See this woman?”
 - In the same way *I see* this woman?
 - Simon still sees the sinner (sees her sin, but not his)
2. Honor where honor is due.
 - a. Things Simon could have done?
 - b. Things woman did? (Isaiah 52:7)

IV. An Unfailing Love

- #### A. Your sins are forgiven!
- She has loved much.

NOTE: Main point of the parable is forgiveness brings forth response of love!

- #### B. Your faith has saved you!
- Not faith in faith – but faith in Jesus, the savior, the anointed one!
(John 6:47; John 5:24)

- #### C. “Go in Peace”
- Peace with God
 - Peace in her heart!

Application:

1. Don't make light of your own sin. It's makes light of Christ's sacrifice.
2. Think upon the great love, mercy, forgiveness and beauty of Christ.
 - Learn to be free with your expressions of love for Christ