

The Good News of God's Forgiveness

Luke 7:39-50 (NLT)

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1. Some will fail to see their need for God's forgiveness.

Luke 7:39 ³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She's a sinner!"

Romans 3:23 ²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

1 John 1:8 ⁸ If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth.

2. Those who accept Jesus in faith will find lasting forgiveness.

Luke 7:47-48 ⁴⁷ "I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love." ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven."

Ephesians 2:8-9 ⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Romans 6:23 ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

3. Allow God's forgiveness to shape your view of yourself and others.

Luke 7:49-50 ⁴⁹ The men at the table said among themselves, "Who is this man, that he goes around forgiving sins?" ⁵⁰ And Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Romans 8:1 ¹ So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

Galatians 5:1 (MSG) ¹ Christ has set us free to live a free life. So take your stand! Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on you.