

“For She Loved Much”

A Lesson In Law And Grace At The Pharisee’s House

Luke 7:36-50

Mary Magdalene (i.e. from the town of Magdala) has a prominent place in the history of Christianity. As long as the earth endures she will be honored as the first eyewitness to Jesus’ resurrection. The link between the ‘woman of the city’ (v 37) and Mary (8:2) is unproved. But this gripping story features for us Christ centered love, the magnitude of our debt to God, and the climactic, transforming release that comes from being united to Christ by faith. May you – and many others – hear Jesus’ assuring words: “Your sins are forgiven ... Your faith has saved you, go in peace.”

I. An _____ Love – Running To _____ (v 36-39).

- 1) This Pharisee lived in a “covenant _____” w/o any contact with _____.
- 2) Somehow, this _____ woman (see 8:2) made it to Jesus’ _____.
- 3) She performed _____ and _____ acts of reverence (see 8:2).
- 4) Simon equated _____ and _____.

II. A _____ Love – Acknowledging Our _____ (v 40-46).

- 1) As the woman _____ Jesus’ feet he _____ Simon on _____.
- 2) Simon rightly related the _____ of _____ and the _____ of love.
- 3) Jesus’ _____ the tables: Simon’s love _____ beside this woman’s.
- 4) Note the use of _____. The one Anointed One of God is _____ by man.

III. A _____ Love – Receiving God’s _____ (v 47-50; Rom 5:20).

- 1) Jesus announces the _____ of her sins and _____ of his _____!
- 2) Compare the _____ of Deut. 29:20 and the _____ of Psalm 32:1-2.
- 3) Her _____ brought her release from her _____ because it was in _____!
- 4) Have you _____ much?
- 5) Have you been _____ much?