

Let The Celebration Begin!

Luke 15

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Let's See Jesus' Trilogy Of Celebration Parables!

- 1) The parable of the seeking Shepherd - v.4-9 Shepherds **naturally seek** for the lost sheep. When they find it they celebrate.
- 2) The parable of the seeking woman v.8-10 – Women naturally seek for a **lost jewel**. When they find it they celebrate.
- 3) The parable of the angry brother v.11-32 - people should **naturally rejoice** when a lost son is found. Does that title confuse you?
 - a. An undeserving younger son got a **second chance** (v.11-24).
 - i. Sinners are in a state of constant **rebellion**.
 - ii. Sinners inevitably come to the place of personal **ruin**.
 - iii. Sinners always end up experiencing **rejection**.
 - iv. Sinners must come to the **recognition** of reality.
 - v. Sinners always have the option of humble **repentance**.
 - vi. Sinners that repent will find unqualified **acceptance**.
 - vii. Sinners that repent provide reasons for **joyful celebration**.
 - b. A self-righteous older brother got **exposed** (v.25-32)
 - i. Religious pride **refuses to celebrate** forgiveness and reconciliation.
 - ii. Religious pride gets **angry** at the forgiven and the **forgiver**.
 - iii. Religious pride assures people that they are working to gain **acceptance**.
 - iv. Religious pride can't see its own **sin**.
 - v. Religious pride is extremely **jealous**.
 - vi. Religious Pride makes a person blind to their own **blessings**
 - vii. Religious pride puts a person on the outside **looking in**.
 - viii. Even proud people can **repent**.

Finally it is right to **celebrate** when a sinner repents (v.32).

- **Grace** is a good name for a church.
- Never get tired of **appealing** to sinners to repent.
- Never get proud of your **long term** salvation.
- Let your salvation be as **thrilling** as the day you believed.