

Sermon ~ Sunday, November 20, 2022, by Pastor Dwight Benoit

Text: Luke 7: 36-39, 48-50

Title: "GRACE!"

If you are looking for something to be **THANKful** for, What about **GOD'S GRACE**?

GRACE – is **GOD'S** unmerited Favor!

GRACE – is **GOD'S** Redemptive Act Cost Everything!

GRACE – is **GOD'S** first and last *moving cause* of Salvation!

GRACE – If **GOD'S GRACE** does not *change your life*, it has NOT saved your soul!

GRACE – it comes not because we seek it, deserve it, buy it. **GRACE** simply is from
The Goodness of GOD'S Heart!

GRACE – is like the Sunshine and the Rain. It falls on the just and unjust alike!

GRACE – hush the *miserable petitions* uttered over a departed loved one's soul.

Believing they are in some holding place—Purgatory. If **GOD'S GRACE** did not save them, their journey's end is Hell!

GRACE – is **GOD'S** spontaneous, unmerited *gift of Divine Favor*, in the *Salvation* of a sinner's soul!

GRACE – is **GOD'S** *Divine* influence that operates in individuals for their *regeneration, sanctification* and *glorification*!

GRACE – is the foundation of **CHRISTianity**! [if you find yourself in a religious argument, please answer, "if it was not for **The GRACE of GOD!**"]

GRACE – is **The Power of GOD** made available to meet *all* our need!

GRACE – is **GOD**, through **JESUS CHRIST**, *finding the lost!*

If you are looking for something to be **THANKful** for, What about **GOD'S GRACE**?

In this text, see these 3 things,

1. **GRACE** is **CHRIST JESUS** manifesting **GOD'S** *Divine LOVE* come to *sinners*.

[**GOD'S GRACE** it's not turned away by our *sin(s)*]

2. **GRACE** is **CHRIST JESUS** manifesting **HIMSELF** as the *clearer* of *sinful* debts.

3. **GRACE** in the "woman" is a 'sign' that she was not forgiven because of her Love.

But her Love was the 'sign' that she had been forgiven. And recognized it.

--V. 36, "...Simon, a Pharisee, invited **JESUS** to dinner." **Q.** What was his motive?

[V. 39 shows it. According to one passage, Mark 3: 6, says "And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against HIM, how they might destroy HIM."]

Point: **JESUS** came! **JESUS** "...sat at meat in the Pharisee's house..." **JESUS** sets with the *rich* and the *religious*... the house was so big, it had an open courtyard in the center, that is, the house was built around an open courtyard. So, the public could stand around and see 'the pomp of the rich and hear what they have to say...]

Luke 19: 10,

"For **The SON of Man** is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

JESUS accepted the invitation!

GRACE is CHRIST JESUS manifesting **GOD'S Divine LOVE** come to *sinner*s.

--Vss. 37, 38, "And... behold... a woman in the city... which was a *sinner*..."

When **GOD'S GRACE** is *received* because you've *believed*, you 'keep' a *desperate* need!

"...When she knew that **JESUS** was at the Pharisees house..." —something *rose-up* in her...

Either *convicted* that she once "was a *sinner*," or "just hearing, that **JESUS** was near,"

Or the thought that **GRACE** saved her from 'sin' that made her a *sinner*: transgressor, trespasser, adulterer, thief, unclean, lost, condemned.

The thought of **GRACE** gave her a *desperate* need—I'M going to **JESUS**!

When **GOD'S GRACE** is *received* because you've *believed*, you 'approach **The LORD** despite *all*!'

She knew about public scorn. *She knew* about church-house gossip. *She knew* how so-called *decent people* don't want to have nothing to do with her-kind. *She heard* **JESUS** say,

"Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take **MY** yoke upon you, for I **AM** meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For **MY** yoke is easy, and **MY** burden is light." (Matthew 11: 28-30)

She knew, that if Simon the Pharisee recognized her, he perhaps would throw her out of his house.

When **GOD'S GRACE** is *received* because you've *believed*, you 'approach **The LORD** despite *all*!'

--*The Glorious benefit* about **GOD'S GRACE** is that it *Humble* you!

See this woman, "she brought [transferred, contribute, came with, thought, and brought, she came up with] ... an alabaster box of ointment..." She did not come for an "handout,"

--she stood at **JESUS'** feet behind **HIM**—with her heart filled with **GRACE** *Gratitude*...

she broke-down, *wailing* and *weeping*... "began to wash **HIS** feet with tears..." she took what she once "defiled" and **JESUS** "sanctified by **GRACE** and making it Holy;" she used its glory to honor **JESUS**! She loosened her "hair" in public... she gave up her personal glory, esteem, and honor in the world, to **JESUS CHRIST**.

-- "...she kissed **HIS** feet..." This expresses her Love for **CHRIST** who forgave her of her *sins*.

[Only two places in **The Bible** it is recorded that someone "kissed" **CHRIST**.

(She out of **GRACE** and Judas Iscariot out of *Disgrace*)

-- "...she anointed them with the ointment..." That is, cost meant nothing to her.

It showed she had a "changed heart!"

GRACE is GOD forgiving our sins... and there's more to follow.

GRACE is GOD justifying us in The Righteousness of **CHRIST**... and there's more to follow.

GRACE is GOD adopting us into **HIS** Family... and there's more to follow.

GRACE prepares us a Heavenly home... and there's more to follow.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing **GOD'S Praise**,
Then when we'd first begun!