

Gratitude that Transforms

I THESSALONIANS 5:18

Gratitude That's Deep Luke 7:36-50

Big Idea: Deep gratitude flows from a heart that knows how deeply it's been forgiven.

Q: "Have you ever known you were forgiven, but later realized just how much you were forgiven?"

I. Forgiveness Reveals the Heart

[Luke 7:37-40]

II. Love Grows Where Debt Is Canceled

[Luke 7:41-43]

III. Genuine Gratitude Is Costly & Visible

[Luke 7:44-46]

IV. Forgiveness Produces Love—Not the Other Way Around [Luke 7:47-48]

V. Forgiveness Transforms Our Identity, Worship, and Future [Luke 7:49-50]

[a] Identity in Christ

Forgiveness Redefines Who We Are
[2 Corinthians 5:17, 1 John 1:9]

[b] Worship of Christ

Forgiveness Reshapes How We Love and Adore Him
[Psalm 103:1-4, Romans 12:1]

[c] Future with Christ

Forgiveness Secures Our Tomorrow and Eternity
[Romans 8:1, Jeremiah 29:11, John 10:28]

Study Questions and Prayer

- [1] Read Luke 7:37-40. How does forgiveness reveal the condition of our hearts?
- [2] Read Luke 7:41-43. Why does love grow deeper when we recognize the magnitude of our forgiven debt?
- [3] Read Luke 7:49-50. How does forgiveness transform our identity, worship, and future?
- [4] Take some time to thank God for the forgiveness that redefines who you are, reshapes how you worship, and secures your future. Ask for the strength to help you live with deep gratitude and love, reflecting the grace God has shown you.

[Luke 7:36-40] One of the Pharisees asked [Jesus] to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. [11:37, 14:1] ³⁷ And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, [Matthew 26:6-13, Mark 14:3-9, John 12:1-8] ³⁸ and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. [7:44, John 11:2] ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man [15:2] were a prophet, [7:16, John 4:19] he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." [Luke 22:64] ⁴⁰ And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

[Luke 7:41-46] "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. [Matthew 18:28] ⁴² When they could not pay, [Matthew 18:25] he cancelled the debt of both. [Romans 8:32] Now which of them will love him more?" [Jesus' question implies that there should be a direct correlation between forgiveness and gratitude.] [TESB] ⁴³ Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, [1 Timothy 5:10, Genesis 18:4] but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. [7:38] ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, [2 Samuel 15:5, 19:39, 20:9] but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. [7:38] ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. [Psalm 23:5, 141:5, Ecclesiastes 9:8, Matthew 6:17]

[2 Corinthians 5:17] Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

[1 John 1:9] If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[Psalm 103:1-4] Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! ² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, . . .

[Romans 12:1b] . . . present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

[Romans 8:1] There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

[Jeremiah 29:11] For I know the plans I have for you... plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

[John 10:28] I give them eternal life, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of my hand.