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The Sinful Woman

And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat.

And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.

And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on.

There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty.

And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most?

Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged.

And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head.

Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet.

My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment.

Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.

And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.

And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also?

And he said to the woman, "Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace." (Luke 7:36-50)

Embracing Grace

What is grace?

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." – (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Grace is an undeserved gift granted by God, through His Son, due to His unstoppable and merciful love for us.

Understanding Repentance

a) What does "repent" mean?

The Greek word for repentance is **metanoia**, which means a reform in the mind, a change of direction and opinion, it creates of a change of purpose, in specific is a change regarding sin, path that disconnects the believer from the Lord. In summary, repentance means turning from sin and following the Lord Christ Jesus by abiding in Him, in His Word.

b) What does "believe" mean?

Believe means choosing to trust Jesus as Lord and Saviour, not only of the world, but as our own Saviour.

c) Why should we repent?

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" – (Romans 3:23)

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." – (Romans 6:23)

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." – (Romans 10:9).

In other words; we repent, because, we need the redemption of our sins, and the only one with power to redeem us is Christ Jesus, who take us to God, the Father.

δ) Who should repent?

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. - (Acts 2:38).

All peoples must repent of sin and receive forgiveness. Everyone should repent for no one is worthy to save the world, or any soul from eternal death, but the Lord.

e) What is assurance?

"When we confess our sins, He is faithful to forgive us." - (1 John 1:9)

Thus says the Lord in John 10:28; "*And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.*" - Which means our salvation belongs to the Lord Christ Jesus. Amen.

Due to the nature of our flesh, we all are as the sinful woman, who received the grace of God, her sins were forgiven and she started worshipping the Lord with an expensive perfume ointment, which costed a year wages at that time. Her heart understood God's grace, and forgiveness of her sins.