



# REIGNITING YOUR PASSION FOR CHRIST

A Study of the Gospel of Luke

## THE PROSTITUTE WHO LOVED JESUS LUKE 7:36-50

**INTRODUCTION:** Why do some professing Christians seem to love Christ more than others? As we will see today from an incident in Jesus' ministry, those who are most aware of their sin are those who are most appreciative of the Savior.

- I. Jesus Comes To Dinner (Luke 7:36-39)
  - A. Simon the Pharisee (Luke 7:36)

Luke 7:36 "Now one of the Pharisees was requesting Him to dine with him. And He entered the Pharisee's house, and reclined at the table."

- B. The Prostitute (Luke 7:37-39)

Luke 7:37-38 "<sup>37</sup> And behold, there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining at the table in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume, <sup>38</sup> and standing behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet, and anointing them with the perfume."

Luke 7:39 "Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner.'"

II. Jesus Responds To The Pharisee And The Prostitute (Luke 7:40-50)

A. To Simon the Pharisee (Luke 7:40-47)

Luke 7:40 “And Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Simon, I have something to say to you.’ And he replied, ‘Say it, Teacher.’”

Luke 7:41-42 “<sup>41</sup>A certain moneylender had two debtors: one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup>When they were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both. Which of them therefore will love him more?”

Luke 7:44-46 “<sup>44</sup>And 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, but she wet My feet with her tears, and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup>You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet. <sup>46</sup>You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume.’”

Luke 7:47 “For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little.”

Three Differences Between The Prostitute  
and The Pharisee

1. The prostitute was more of a **sinner** than the Pharisee.
2. The prostitute was more **aware** of her sin than the Pharisee.
3. The prostitute received Christ’s forgiveness while the Pharisee **neglected** Christ’s forgiveness.

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B. To the Prostitute (Luke 7:48-50)

Luke 7:48-50 “<sup>48</sup>And He said to her, ‘Your sins have been forgiven.’ <sup>49</sup>And those who were reclining at the table with Him began to say to themselves, ‘Who is this man who even forgives sins?’ <sup>50</sup>And He said to the woman, ‘Your faith has saved you; go in peace.’”

III. Timeless Truths From This Passage

A. Concerning Us: Those Who Are Forgiven Much, **Love** Much.

B. Concerning God: God Only Forgives Those Who **Refuse** to Forgive Themselves.

Conclusion