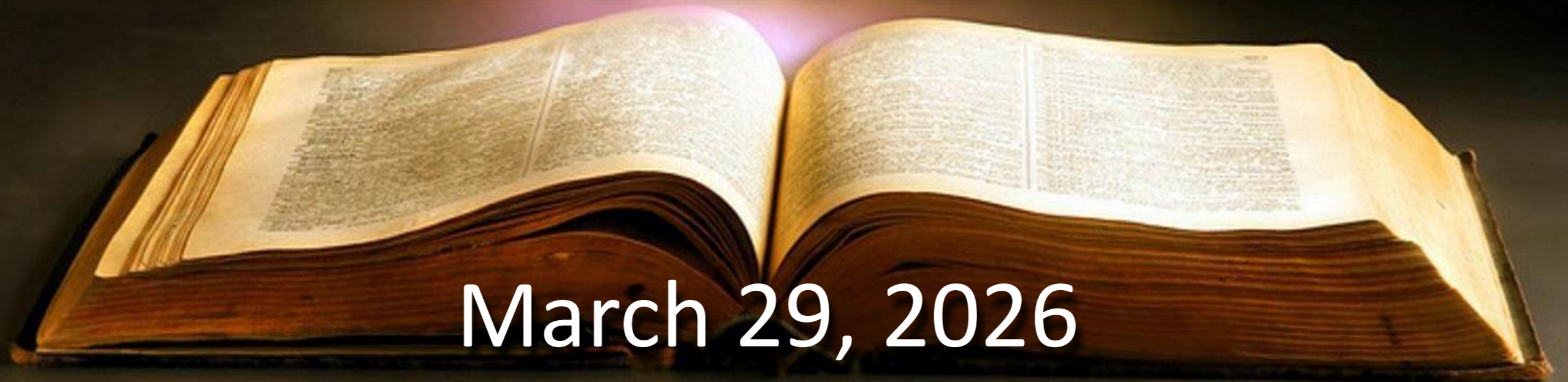


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“Parable of the Two Debtors”


Luke 7:41-43 (NKJV)

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“Setting the Scene”

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³⁶ Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house and sat down to eat. ³⁷ And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that *Jesus* sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, ³⁸ and stood at His feet behind *Him* weeping; and she began to



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wash His feet with her tears and wiped *them* with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed *them* with the fragrant oil. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw *this*, he spoke to himself, saying, “This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman *this is* who is touching Him, for she is a sinner.”



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“Jesus”

- ❖ Jesus is invited to dine at a Pharisee’s house.
- Why did Jesus accept the invitation.
- ✓ To Reach All People — Even the Pharisees.
- ✓ To Create a Teaching Moment.
- ✓ To Demonstrate Grace in Action.
- ✓ Challenge Judgmental Attitudes.
- ✓ To Fulfill His Mission.
- ✓ Luke 5:32 **“I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”**

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“Jesus”

- ✓ **Bottom Line.**
 - **Reach hearts!**
 - **Reveal truth!**
 - **Offer forgiveness!**
 - **Transform lives!**

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“Simon and the Woman”

- ❖ What we know about Simon.**
- He was a Pharisee.**
- He invited Jesus to dinner.**
- He showed limited hospitality.**
- He judged the woman internally.**
- Jesus directly addressed him.**
- ❖ What we know about the woman.**
- She was known as a “sinful woman.”**
- She lived in the same town.**
- She was deeply repentant.**
- She showed extravagant love.**
- She demonstrated great faith.**

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“The True Meanings”

- ❖ **The components of the Parable.**
- **The debtors represent two kinds of people before God.**
- **The debts represent sin.**
- **The lender represents God.**
- **Forgiveness is given by grace, not earned.**
- **Love is the response to forgiveness, not the cause of it.**
- ❖ **Connection to the Story.**
- **The woman, aware of her great need, responds with extravagant love.**
- **Simon, unaware of his own need, shows little love.**
- **Our love for Jesus reflects how deeply we recognize and receive His forgiveness.**

Luke 7:44-50



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⁴⁴ Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped *them* with the hair of her head. ⁴⁵ You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with



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fragrant oil. ⁴⁷ Therefore I say to you, her sins, which *are* many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loves little.”

⁴⁸ Then He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

⁴⁹ And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” ⁵⁰ Then He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”



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- ❖ **A Clear Contrast Between Simon and the Woman.**
- **Jesus contrasts Simon’s lack of hospitality with the woman’s devotion.**
- **Simon offered.**
- ✓ **No water for Jesus’ feet.**
- ✓ **No greeting kiss.**
- ✓ **No oil for His head.**
- **The woman offered.**
- ✓ **Tears to wash His feet.**
- **Her hair to wipe them.**
- **Repeated kisses.**
- **Expensive perfume.**
- 👉 **The contrast reveals external religion vs. heartfelt repentance.**

Luke 7:50



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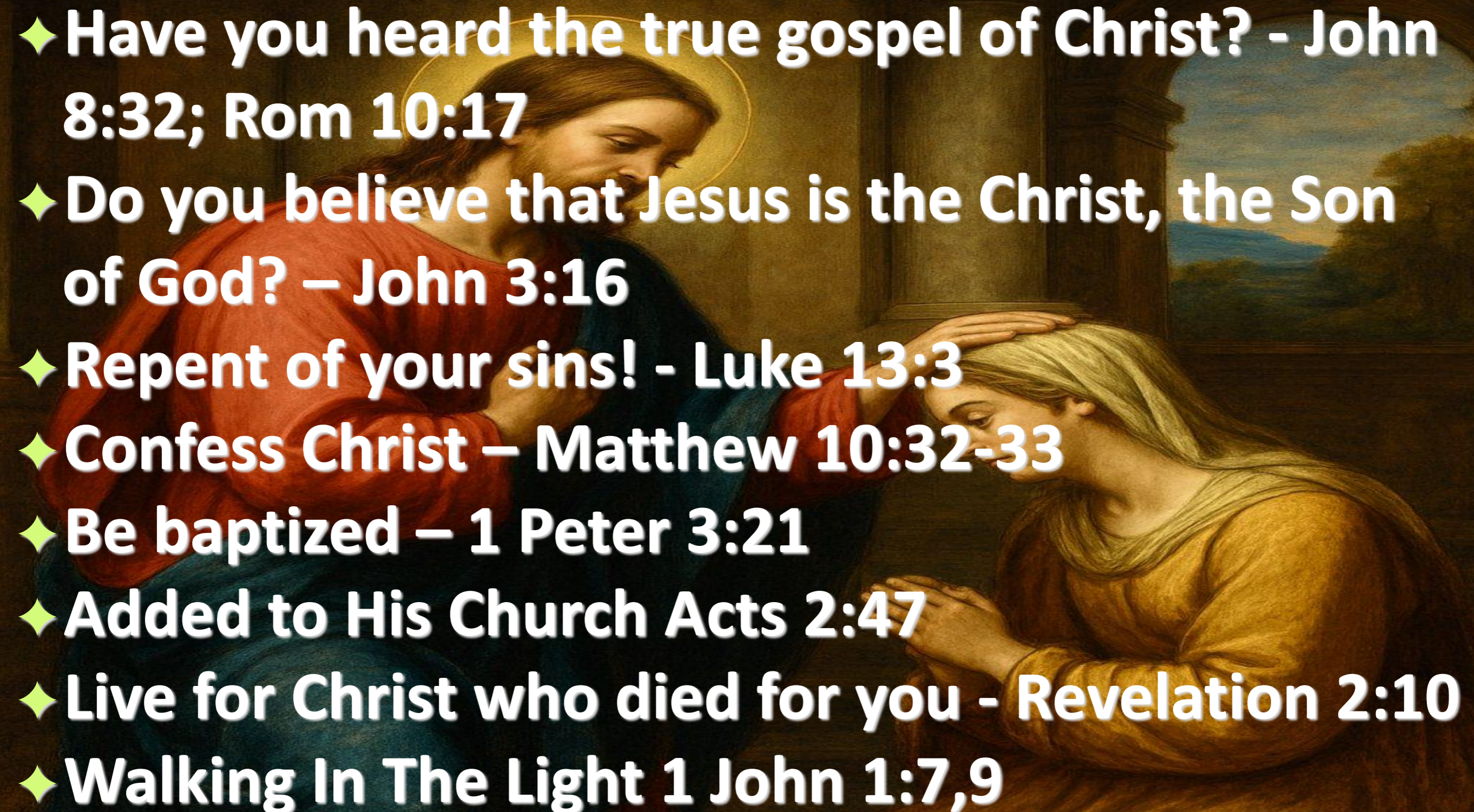
Conclusion

- ❖ **Forgiveness is an act of grace, not reward.**
- ❖ **Love is the response to forgiveness, not the requirement.**
- ❖ **Self righteousness blinds us to our need for mercy.**
- ❖ **Simon saw sin in others but missed grace for himself.**
- ❖ **The woman knew her debt—and responded with gratitude and love.**

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How to Become a Christian.

Plan of Salvation

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- ◆ **Have you heard the true gospel of Christ? - John 8:32; Rom 10:17**
 - ◆ **Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God? – John 3:16**
 - ◆ **Repent of your sins! - Luke 13:3**
 - ◆ **Confess Christ – Matthew 10:32-33**
 - ◆ **Be baptized – 1 Peter 3:21**
 - ◆ **Added to His Church Acts 2:47**
 - ◆ **Live for Christ who died for you - Revelation 2:10**
 - ◆ **Walking In The Light 1 John 1:7,9**