



# Grace Hill Church

*The Mission of Grace Hill Is to Gather People to the Table of Christ, Who Is the Bread of Life, to Be Transformed by His Grace, Renewed in His Truth, and Sent on His Mission.*

The parable explains why the woman acted, and her actions testify to the presence of forgiveness, which produced love. Because the woman was forgiven much, she loves much; her love is demonstrated by her actions, so that her great love reflects the presence of great forgiveness. The forgiveness is not a result of acts; rather, the acts testify to love's presence in gratitude for the previous granting of forgiveness. (Bock, *Baker Exegetical Commentary on the NT*. pg. 703)

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 1 John 3:1-2

Jesus dismissed her with *go in peace* (cf. 8:48). The Greek is literally 'go into peace' and it may be worth noting that the rabbis held that 'Go in peace' was proper in bidding farewell to the dead, but to the living one should say 'go into peace' (*Moed Katan* 29a). (Morris, *Tyndale New Testament Commentaries*)

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## **Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song**

### **Declaring What We Believe: New City Catechism, Question #16**

**Question:** What is sin?

**Answer:** Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, not being or doing what he requires in his law—resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.

## **Welcoming Each Other**

### **Giving Worship to God: Offering**

#### **Hearing God's Word: Scripture Reading *Luke 7.36-50***

One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. <sup>37</sup> 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, <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." <sup>40</sup> And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

<sup>41</sup> "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup> Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." <sup>44</sup> 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, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup> Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." <sup>48</sup> And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup> Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup> And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

## **Understanding God's Word and Our Lives**

### **Sermon: *Washed, Kissed, and Anointed***

Outline:

1. The Woman
2. The Pharisee
3. Jesus

## **Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin**

### **Public Prayer**

Father, we confess that we forget the reality of our sinful state. Though we would admit our depravity, we internally view our own wrongs in comparison to the wrongs of others, thereby lessening our felt need for the mercy and the love of God. We show this by not offering his forgiveness to those who have wronged us.

God, we know that it is only your mercy that has saved us from ourselves. It is only Jesus taking our place that has removed our debt. His death has washed us of our sins. He has welcomed us with a familial kiss. Your Spirit has anointed us for eternal life. Enable us to never stop living in our need of his forgiveness. Empower us to respond in forgiveness of others.

### **Private Reflection**

#### **The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ**

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ~Matt. 6:14

#### **Responding to the Lord with Worship**

##### **Taking hold of the Good Word: Benediction (“the good word”)**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Heb. 13:20–21)

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#### **Announcements:**

- **CORE Zoom Pin: 989209**
- **Renewed Covid Policy. Goal: robust, Christ-centered, gathered worship**  
For the sake of our personal health and gospel community at Grace Hill, for all indoor Grace Hill activities, we require the following: (1) masks be worn at all times, (2) temperature checks when entering the building, (3) refraining from hugs or handshakes, and (4) six foot distancing (whenever possible). Maximum indoor numbers are now 35 people. This number is only possible if the four previous precautions are meticulously adhered to. For outdoor activities, we require refraining from hugs or handshakes, and practicing six-foot distancing where possible. Masks are highly recommended for outdoor seated events.
- **Called to Lead: Yourself and Others. Leadership/Discipleship Monthly Meeting:** The Session invites everyone to the Called to Lead meeting this Tuesday, 4/27/21.
- **Next Outdoor Communion:** Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. RSVP to Kayli at [kayli@gracehillnc.org](mailto:kayli@gracehillnc.org) if you'd like to attend.
- **Worship in Offering:** Three ways to worship the Lord with your tithes and offerings
  1. Use your bank's BillPay system to give to Grace Hill
  2. Send a physical check
  3. Use our mobile giving option (either as a guest or by setting up an account):
    - <https://faithlife.com/grace-hill-church/give> or text the word "Give" to 919 296 1330.
- **Resurrection Renews Our Proper Scope: All Nations.** Ready for a Missions Challenge? Sign up to pray for Muslims during Ramadan (4/12 – 5/12) at [Lovemuslims.org](http://Lovemuslims.org) using the videos of [Prayercast.com](http://Prayercast.com). In a time when they are seeking God, pray for Christ to be revealed to them. OR use the prayer resource from [Worldchristian.com](http://Worldchristian.com)



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