

Grace: love and/or favor of God that I do not deserve and cannot earn.

1. Jesus reveals God's grace by accepting sinners.

Simon the Pharisee would not allow a sinful woman to draw that close to him or touch him. Because Jesus does, Simon assumes Jesus is not a prophet or man of God.

Jesus addresses Simon with a parable that clearly indicates he knows what kind of woman is anointing his feet and what is in the heart of the Pharisee.

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. 1 Timothy 1:15



Although I am a sinner, God does not shun my presence. He draws close. He invites and encourages contact and fellowship.

2. Jesus reveals God's grace by forgiving sinners.

All people are sinners in need of forgiveness. No one can pardon his or her own sin.

God graciously forgives all sin in Jesus Christ.

... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:23-24



Do I believe that God, in Christ, has graciously forgiven all my sin?

3. I will respond to God's grace in Christ according to my awareness of my sin, or lack thereof.

Simon the Pharisee responds with little love for Jesus Christ because he thinks he has little need for his sins to be forgiven.

The sinful woman responds with humility, worship, and love.

My changed life expressed through humble, loving acts of worship reveals how I have received God's grace offered to me in Jesus Christ.

How have I shaped my life as a loving response to God's grace given to me through Jesus Christ, my Lord?

