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SERMON
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JESUS AND TAX COLLECTORS

³⁴The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'

Luke 7:34

²⁷After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me." ²⁸And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.

²⁹And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. ³⁰And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

³¹And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ³²I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

Luke 5:27-32

GOD'S GUEST LIST ISN'T EXCLUSIVE

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Luke 5:27-28

- Who were tax collectors?
- How was Jesus viewed?—a friend of tax collectors and sinners

Religion says, "I obey; therefore I'm accepted." The gospel says, "I'm accepted; therefore I obey."

Tim Keller, *Center Church*

- God's guest list isn't exclusive because God's grace isn't exclusive.

Ironically, in one sense great sinners stand closer to God than those who think themselves righteous, for sinners are more aware of their of God's transforming grace.

James R. Edwards, *The Gospel According to Luke*, 172

- It's not that the self-righteous, religious person can't received God's grace; it's that they think they don't need God's grace.
- Receive God's grace!

GOD'S GRACE SHOULD CAUSE A PARTY

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Luke 5:29-30

- The responses to God's grace
 - The Tax Collector throws a party
 - The Religious leaders grumble

Religion says, "Motivation is based on fear and insecurity." The gospel says, "Motivation is based on grateful joy."

Tim Keller, Center Church

²⁵"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Luke 15:25-32

- Celebrate God's grace!

GOD'S PLANS ARE OFTEN MISUNDERSTOOD

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Luke 5:31-32

- The religious leaders didn't understand the mission of God

Compare the old with the new. The new way is gracious rather than religious, inclusive rather than exclusive, welcoming rather than unwelcoming. It is characterized by feasting rather

than fasting, rejoicing rather than grumbling. It recognizes its need and finds hope in the Savior rather than feeling self-righteous and therefore rejecting the Savior.

Tim Chester, *A Meal with Jesus*, 26

- Share God's grace!

THE GRACE OF GOD IS FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT AND RECEIVE IT

- Will you receive it?
- Will you celebrate it?
- Will you share it?

Father, we thank you for your grace.

Thank you that Jesus not only demonstrated grace to others but that he extended grace to us through his death and resurrection.

We intercede for those who have yet to receive your grace.

We ask that you continue to humble our hearts to celebrate always your grace.

We pray you break our hearts for those who need God's grace. Use us as your physicians to heal with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

