

July 11, 2010 – “What Is Love?” (part 2)

- I. **4th of July Review** – Look at 1 John 4 ...
- Command – _____ one another...
 - Condition – must be first born of God, to know God...
 - Reason – God is love; He is the giver of love
 - Goal – to _____ that love in us...
 - Display – Sending Jesus as the propitiation for our sins...
 - Response – we _____ to love one another
- How do we cultivate such love? It begins here:*
- II. **Luke 7:36-39 – An Extravagant Display...**
- The Scene: Jesus is invited to the home of a Pharisee – a dinner banquet ensues...
 - The Show Stopper: a sinful woman crashes the party (not really) & goes directly to Jesus
 - Strangers were allowed to such events but not such a stranger as she (unclean, defiled)
 - Tears overflow from her eyes to Jesus' feet; she lets _____ down to wipe His feet
 - She kisses His feet and pours perfume on His feet
 - All the while, Jesus _____ her...
 - The Conclusion of Pharisee: Jesus is cannot be a _____ of God
- III. **Luke 7:41-43 – A Simple Parable+...**
- Moneylender has 2 debtors – one owes 50 days worth of wages, the other 500
 - Moneylender decides to graciously forgive both debts – Who will love him more?
 - Pharisee correctly answers – the one who was _____ more will love more...
- Great forgiveness moves people to show great love.*
- IV. **Luke 7:44-50: The Heart of the Matter**
- Simon did not do what was customary or common courtesy to do towards a guest...
 - He did not have his feet cleaned – provided no water, no servant to clean, did do it himself
 - There was no greeting of a _____; there was no _____ placed on His head
 - This woman did all that and more – more abundantly in all regards...
 - She wet His feet with her tears & wiped them clean with her hair.
 - She kissed His feet non- stop; she anointed His feet with perfume.
 - The woman becomes an object lesson of the parable – the one forgiven much, loves much
 - Her love was the effect, the consequence, the _____ of her being forgiven...
 - This woman must have been saved previously – she heard & believed Jesus sometime earlier
 - Shocker #1 – Jesus _____ declares, “Your sins have been forgiven.”
 - Problem #1 – Who is this man who thinks he can forgive sins?
 - Solution #1 – Only One who has the _____ to do so.
 - Shocker #2 – Forgiveness/Salvation occurs by faith. Her faith has saved her!
- V. **Lessons From Such Extravagant Love: What a world of difference being forgiven makes...**
- Simon has outward respect for Jesus but has no heart change, no heart love.
 - Jesus' message today is what separates Christianity from all other beliefs – nothing like it...
 - Grace, mercy, forgiveness, the love of God for man, God incarnate...dying a substitute death...
 - Even a sinner like this woman is not too far gone – God's _____ can extend to her.
 - Key to cultivate love: He who has been forgiven much love much; great love from great forgiveness
 - We need to understand the depths of God's forgiveness for our _____
 - Only abundant, overflowing, extravagant love for Jesus will overflow into _____ for others...
 - 1 – Make sure we understand the sinfulness of sin, the depths of the darkness of our hearts...
 - 2 – Make sure we understand the depths of the forgiveness of God
 - 3 – Never forget who I was before Christ, what He saved me from, daily living by God's grace...
 - 4 – Whether inward or outward sins, we all needed God's rich _____ & abounding _____
- Sinners saved by grace, saints in love with our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.*