

Reflection Questions: How much of a sinner am I? Do I view my sinfulness as less than others? Why? Are there those that I think don't deserve to be saved? If so, what does this say about me? How did Jesus interact with the unsaved? How do I interact with them?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

The scandal of grace is that God saves those who do not deserve it.

John MacArthur

Self-righteousness will crush your seeking and your celebration of grace because grace is only ever exciting to a sinner.

If you would live on earth for another ten-thousand years, and you would continue to follow Christ, you would need His grace that next day as much as you needed it the first day you believed.

Paul David Tripp

The first link between my soul and Christ is not my goodness, but my badness; not my merit, but my misery; not my standing, but my falling; not my riches, but my need.

R. Kent Hughes

Oh, let us beware of self-righteousness. Open sin kills thousands of souls. Self-righteousness kills its tens of thousands... Give up your secret pride. Cast away your vain ideas of your own goodness. Be thankful if you have any grace, but never glory in it for a moment. Work for God and Christ with heart and soul and mind and strength, but never dream for a second of placing confidence in any work of your own.

J.C. Ryle

*Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better, You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; Sinners Jesus came to call.*

Joseph Hart



Scandalous Grace

Sermon
Notes

March 20, 2022

1. Jesus' Custom (13)

2. Jesus' Call (14)

3. Jesus' Communion (15-16)

4. Jesus' Controversy (17)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

What do Matthew's and Luke's account add to what Mark says?

Matthew 9:9-13 —

Luke 5:27-32 —

2. What was the opinion of a tax collector in Jesus' day? Why?

Matthew 18:17 —

Luke 7:34 —

Matthew 21:31 —

Luke 18:11 —

3. What is the significance of Jesus calling someone like Levi?

4. Why would Jesus associating with sinners be a problem for the scribes and Pharisees?

5. What does the phrase in *Mark 2:15* saying, *there were many of them, and they were following Him*, seem to mean?

6. Why do the scribes and Pharisees approach the disciples with their question rather than Jesus directly?

7. What are the implications of Jesus words, *It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick* (*Mark 2:17*)?

8. What does Jesus mean when He quotes *Hosea 6:6* saying, *I desire compassion, and not sacrifice* (*Matthew 9:13*)?

What do *Luke 6:36* and *James 2:13* say about this?

9. What did Jesus mean when He says He *did not come to call the righteous* (*Mark 2:17*)?

10. How was Jesus described in these verses? Why?

Matthew 11:19 —

Luke 15:1-2 —

Luke 7:34 —

11. Who are the hated and hopeless people today to whom Jesus wants to hear the gospel?

12. What must people do or be to receive our friendship? Why? Are our standards the same as Jesus'?

13. What is God most concerned about when He looks at us?

Proverbs 21:3 —

Micah 6:8 —

Isaiah 1:11-17 —

Matthew 12:34 —

Amos 5:21-24 —

Matthew 15:17-20 —