Morning Lesson

SINS – FORGIVENESS AND GRATITUDE Luke 7:36-50 (Scripture Reading Luke 7:36-38)

INTRO:

- 1. Everyone loves gratitude in other people.
- 2. Gratitude and grace run along parallel tracks.
- 3. There is no salvation apart from grace. Eph.2:8, 9; Tit. 2:11-14
- 4. Let's observe this example of gratitude in our text.

 Luke 7:36-50

I. JESUS ACCEPTED THE INVITATION.

- A. We must not close the door of salvation to a huge number of people.
- B. Jesus went to the home of a Pharisee, but he did not become a Pharisee in his actions or attitudes. 1 Cor. 15:33;
 2 Cor.6:14
- C. Wherever we are and whomever we are with, we need to live a consistent life for God.

II. JESUS WAS ALWAYS OPEN TO SINNERS.

- A. Jesus' actions did not make sinners avoid him.
- B. Followers of Christ often wall themselves in. Luke 7:39
- C. People that follow Christ constantly look for ways to bring the lost ones in. Heb. 7:25; 1 Tim. 1:15
- D. Jesus said that he came to call sinners. Mark 2:17

III. FORGIVENESS AND GRATITUDE.

- A. The sinful woman knew how guilty she was.
- B. Simon offered Jesus no special hospitality.
- C. The woman came close and washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. Luke 7:47
- D. How much have we been forgiven?
- E. This is why salvation by grace needs to be emphasized.

CONC:

- 1 Jesus said "Go in peace." Luke 7:49, 50
- 2. He could have explained it to everyone.
- 3. To stay on task, we must appreciate the depth of God's grace and serve accordingly.