

## A Heart Like Jesus

Introduction: Growth in any church obviously begins with the growth of the individual Christian. There is a direct relationship between how a person *thinks* about his own sin or how he is *personally affected* by his sin and the quality of his zeal and service to God. Let's look at 3 pictures from the book of Luke about how to have a heart like Jesus.

### I. A heart like Jesus begins with seeing the seriousness of my own sin (Luke 5:1-11)

- A. Notice how Peter sees himself.
  - 1. Isaiah 6 shows a similar incident.
  - 2. Zechariah 3 - Joshua standing before God in filthy clothes with Satan ready to accuse him.
  - 3. We need to see ourselves in the presence of God and recognize the awfulness of our own sin.
- B. Why is this so important?

### II. Seeing my need for God determines my love for God (Luke 7:36-50)

- A. Simon (Pharisee) is disdainful of Jesus because of the woman.
  - 1. Simon doesn't see the woman mourning for her own sin.
  - 2. He doesn't see the parallel of her need and his need.
- B. Jesus drives his point home with the parable of the creditor with the two debtors.
- C. Are you like Simon? Or are you like the woman in your service to God?

### III. Seeing my need for God determines my love for my fellow man (Luke 10:25-37)

- A. Why would a priest and a Levite walk past a fellow Jew who had been beaten and left for dead? Perception/assumption.
- B. Why did the Samaritan help the man? Compassion.

Conclusion: We need as much grace today as the worst sinner in the world needs. Without forgiveness, we are in the same boat with every other sinner in the world. We *must not* look down on others or show neglect to those who are lost no matter *what* their condition. If we see our sin as great as anyone else's who as ever lived, we will have compassion on a lost world and come to their rescue.