

Luke 15:1-10
Sinners in the hands
of a gracious God and
saints who
can't stand it!

2 Corinthians 5

“²¹ He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”



“When God saw their deeds, that they turned from their wicked way, then God relented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would bring upon them. And He did not do it. But it greatly displeased Jonah, and he became angry.”

The context

Luke 14 The cost of discipleship

“²⁷ Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.”

Luke 15 Challenge #1 forgiveness

“⁷ there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents,”

Luke 15

“¹ Now all the tax-gatherers and the sinners were coming near Him to listen to Him. ² And both the Pharisees and the scribes {began} to grumble, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them. . . .

Three parables of grace

. . . ²⁸ But he answered and said to his father, “Look! For so many years I have been serving you, and I have never neglected a command of yours; and yet you have never given me a kid, that I might be merry with my friends; ³⁰ but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with harlots, you killed the fattened calf for him.”

Luke 15:3-7 The lost sheep

“³ And He told them this parable, saying, ⁴ “What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ ⁷ I tell you that in the same way, there will be {more} joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

Luke 15:8-10 The lost coin

“⁸ Or what woman, if she has ten silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!’ ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The point of Luke 15

**If you are grumbling more than rejoicing at the grace of God toward others you need to see the joy of Jesus
and repent.**

Two evil spirits

The Punitive Spirit

**of religion
which forgets
the cross**

“I am in great distress, Let us now fall into the hands of the Lord for His mercies are great, **but do not let me fall into the hand of man.**” *II Samuel 24:14*

