

A Scandal Called Grace

Luke 15:1-32

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One word that influences the way you think God thinks about you:

God loves you _____ what you do, and God does not love you _____ of what you do.

2 types of people:

_____ and _____

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

Luke 15:1-2 (ESV)

And He said, "There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them."

Luke 15:11-12 (ESV)

"I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'"

Luke 15:18-19 (ESV)

The younger son

- Recognized his _____

"Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before you."

Luke 15:18 (ESV)

- Recognized his _____

"I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."

Luke 15:19 (ESV)

"...but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!'"

Luke 15:29-30 (ESV)

The older son

- Acted like a _____
- Wanted the father's _____

Are you Religious or Rebellious?

- Rebellious - the sin is _____
- Religious - the sin is _____
- Rebellious - is _____
- Religious - is _____

"Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."

Luke 15:31-32 (ESV)

1. It's not about "_____"; it's about "_____"

2. God, first and foremost, celebrates _____ relationships
For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)

"Love that goes upward is worship; love that goes outward is affection; love that _____ is grace."

Donald Barnhouse

3. The church is most _____ when the grace of God is most _____.