

## Taking It Home

*In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace<sup>8</sup> which He lavished on us. Ephesians 1:7-8a (NAS)*

See also: Ephesians 2:1-10

- **Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ sinners.**

I am a \_\_\_\_\_. **Romans 3:23**

Jesus receives \_\_\_\_\_.

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.

II Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)

- **Sin is more than \_\_\_\_\_ a law; It is breaking the \_\_\_\_\_ heart.**

*Then the Lord said, "Because this people draw near with their words And honor Me with their lip service, But they remove their hearts far from Me, And their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote." Isaiah 29:13 (NAS)*

- **God \_\_\_\_\_ me to join the \_\_\_\_\_.**

*And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. <sup>19</sup>For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"*

II Corinthians 5:18-20 (NLT)

*"Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. Revelation 3:20 (NLT)*

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**Luke 15**

*Now all the tax collectors and the sinners were coming near Him to listen to Him. <sup>2</sup>Both the Pharisees and the scribes began to grumble, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." Luke 15:1-2 (NAS)*

### *The shepherd and the lost sheep*

*When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup>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!' 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 15:5-7 (NAS)*

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### *The woman and the lost coin*

*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!' <sup>10</sup>In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luke 15:9-10 (NAS)*

Jesus shows us the \_\_\_\_\_ of the lost.

### *The father and the lost son*

*And He said, "A man had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me.' So he divided his wealth between them. Luke 15:11-12 (NAS)*

**Prodigal** = wastefully or recklessly extravagant: giving or yielding profusely; lavishly abundant.

## The \_\_\_\_\_ Son.

*And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living. <sup>14</sup>Now when he had spent everything...  
Luke 15:13-14a (NAS)*

*...a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be impoverished. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. <sup>16</sup>And he would have gladly filled his stomach with the pods that the swine were eating, and no one was giving anything to him. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.' <sup>20</sup>So he got up and came to his father...Luke 15:14b-20a (NAS)*

## The \_\_\_\_\_ Father.

*But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet; <sup>23</sup>and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' And they began to celebrate. Luke 15:20b-24 (NAS)*

*God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant. <sup>21</sup>So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Romans 5:20-21 (NAS)*

## The \_\_\_\_\_ Son.

*Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he summoned one of the servants and began inquiring what these things could be. <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has received him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>But he became angry and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and began pleading with him. <sup>29</sup>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 young goat, so that I might celebrate with my friends; <sup>30</sup>but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him.'  
Luke 15:25-31 (NAS)*

*<sup>31</sup>And he said to him, 'Son, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found.'  
Luke 15:31-32 (NAS)*

## The \_\_\_\_\_ Son.

*"This man receives sinners and eats with them."  
Luke 15:2b (NAS)*