Thy Sins Are Forgiven
Luke 7:36-50 - vs. 48

Intro.
A. Of all human ailments the most difficult one to meet and solve is sin.
   1. Sin is the concept, the act, to which all griefs and tears find their source.
   2. Beneath the surface of human tragedy one will always find sin. It may be our own but it will be there like a dark permanent stain.

B. This is a problem we cannot solve.
   1. Man does not have the answer to sin.
   2. Before sin, man is a helpless creature.
   3. If God does not have a plan, we are doomed.
   4. If God does not reveal His plan, all is lost.

C. Here we have the statement of Jesus.
   vs. 48
   1. "Thy sins are forgiven".
   2. "Sins" = ἁμαρτία = to fail, to miss the mark as prescribed by law, the defiling influence and bitter principle of disturbance which has flowed down upon the creation of God.
   3. "forgiven" = ἀφίημι = "to send away", "to dismiss", "to remit all punishment". The person is now dealt with as though they are totally innocent.
   4. We must follow this incident closely and learn all we can learn for our soul's sake.

Jesus At The Home Of Simon.

H: Jesus' invited to Simon's home.
   vs. 36
   1. He "desired" Him to eat with him.
   ἐπωδράω = "to ask for information, to question as well as to supplicate."
C. Those who sat at the table were critical.
Vs. 49 1. They had seen what the woman did.
       2. They had heard what Jesus said.
       3. "Who does this man think he is, going around forgiving sins?" — Tay

III. What Had Saved This Woman?

A. We must listen to Jesus.
Vs. 50 1. "And he (Jesus) said to the woman "..."
       2. "...thy faith hath saved thee,"... πίστις =
       3. She was told, "go in peace." "Οὕσω

B. How are people saved to-day ?
   1. The same as this woman, by faith.
   2. Eph. 2: 8-11

C. How should we demonstrate our love?
   1. We do not have the same opportunity
      as this woman had, but we do have opportunity.
      2. We can show our love to our brothers
         and sisters.
      3. We can show our love to His body,
         the church, attending, giving, serving
      4. We can show our love by caring for
         our families.
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