# The Friend of Sinners

After the Pharisees accused Jesus of being a friend of tax collectors and sinners (Luke 7:34), Jesus demonstrated again that the charge was true. The passage uses four words to describe sinful woman He befriended, words which tell us much about our Savior.

**1. Her Faith**

A. The evidence of her faith: *she comes*

B. The object of her faith: *Jesus*

**2. Her Forgiveness**

Jesus’ declaration of forgiveness shows that—

A. He is *God*

B. God is *gracious*

**3. Her Love**

There is no such thing as a natural love for God. Love for God—

A. Is a response to *God’s love*

B. Is kindled by the *Holy Spirit*

**4. Her Peace**

Jesus granted her—

A. Peace *with God*

B. Peace *of heart*

**Application**—Jesus is the Friend of sinners, so—

A. Come to Him without *fear*

B. Come to Him without *pride*

# For Additional Study or Family Discussion

Did the Lord speak to you today about Himself and His ways? Did He show you a duty you need to perform or a promise you need to claim? What was either encouraging or challenging in the sermon?

1. Luke 15:1-2. What does Jesus do for sinners? How does He do this with us?

2. Luke 5:27-32. How did Jesus defend His actions?

3. Luke 14:7-11; 1 Peter 5:5-7. What must we do if we want God to exalt us (lift us up)? Why is this necessary? In our sermon text (Luke 7:36-50) who did and who did not humble himself?

4. Matthew 11:28-30; 2 Corinthians 8:9; Philippians 2:3-11. When God insists that we humble ourselves, He is not asking us to do anything He has not done. How has our Lord humbled Himself?

5. How does God want you to humble yourself? How will this help you to enjoy the friendship of Jesus?

6. John 15:13-15. What does Jesus do for His friends?