

"Replacing Guilt With Grace"

Sermon Series: "Now That He's Here; What Jesus Came To Do"

Hebrews 4:13a; John 8:1-11

Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd. "Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the act of adultery. The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?" They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!" Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."

-John 8:1-11 (NLT)

"For the old system dealt only with certain rituals - what foods to eat and drink, rules for washing themselves and rules about this and that. The people had to keep these rules to tide them over until Christ came with God's new and better way."

-Hebrews 9:10 (TLB)

"Nothing in all creation can hide from Him. Everything is naked and exposed before His eyes."

-Hebrews 4:13a

Deny it.....

OR

...Focus on it....

OR

...Explore it and Confess it!

What Jesus Wants To Do For Us...

1. Jesus wants to replace our GUILT with His GRACE (Daily)

"Sin is no longer your master, for you are no longer subject to the law, which enslaves you through sin. Instead, you are free by God's grace."

-Romans 6:14

2. Jesus wants to replace our SHAME with His Salvation (Eternity)

"His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave Him great pleasure."

-Ephesians 1:5

"For since we were restored to friendship with God...we will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by His life. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God- all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us (on the cross) in making us friends with God."

-Romans 5:9-11

How Might We Respond To Jesus & Others... (WWJD)

How to Pursue Jesus and helping others to Seek Him.....

...Drop the Rocks

...Quit the Quits

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him."

-1 Corinthians 2:9b

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life. God did not send His Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it."

-John 3:16-17

"So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus."

-Romans 8:1

3. Jesus wants to replace our FEAR with FAITH!

The Bible says, "IF you believe THEN you belong!"