

28 Parables of Jesus Christ Aggressive Love

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As a crowd of publicans and sinners gathered round about Jesus what did the Pharisee and scribe say to each other to show their displeasure?

Luke 15:1-2

- 1 Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.
- 2 And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

Who were the Pharisees and scribes?

Pharisees were the church leadership who were known to be “holy”. They were given that name by the Sadducees to mock how they separated themselves from the “common” people because they thought that they were so holy. The Pharisees did not mingle themselves with those who they deemed were corrupt and filthy. Many of the scribes were the historians, “interpreters” of the scriptures and policy makers of the church.

Who are the publicans and sinners?

Publicans were Jewish tax collectors for the Roman Empire. It was a profession that paid very well, but many of the Jews especially the church leadership saw all publicans as betrayers. They were greatly hated and despised. Sinners were a category of people who had no status in the Jewish church. They were the “nobodies.” Many uneducated and poor. The Pharisees viewed their poverty and lack of social status was a curse from God.

What was the Pharisees false teachings about the publican and sinners?

The Pharisees saw the publicans and the sinners cases as hopeless. They saw them as not worthy of being in their “holy presence.”

Remember the prayer of the Pharisee in Jesus's parable

Luke 18:11-12

- 11 **The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.**
- 12 **I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.**

“It was taught by the Jews that before God's love is extended to the sinner, he must first repent. In their view, repentance is a work by which men earn the favor of Heaven. And it was this thought that led the Pharisees to exclaim in astonishment and anger. 'This man receiveth sinners.’” COL 189

The Pharisees and the scribes truly thought that their education, status, position, heredity, and righteousness gave them favor with God. Because of their privileges, wealth, and status they very themselves blessed by God.

In modern day Christianity, many see themselves privileged and blessed by God because of their status and wealth. They like the Laodicean church says

Rev 3:17 ... **I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing....”**

What were the Pharisee's trying to accuse Jesus of? What was their motive in their accusation when they murmured that Jesus “receiveth sinners, and eateth with them”?

Thayer Definition:

1) to murmur

1a) either of a whole crowd, or among one another

1b) always used of many indignantly complaining

They did not address Jesus directly. They complained among themselves and others to try to discredit Jesus. They were gossipers. The purpose of a gossiper is to lift up self and discredit and assassinate the character of others. I see the same parallel today the GC church leaders rather murmured and complain and assassinate the characters of the independent ministries.

“By this accusation [that Jesus received sinners] they insinuated that Christ liked to associate with the sinful and vile, and was insensible to their wickedness. The rabbis had been disappointed in Jesus. Why was it that one who claimed so lofty a character did not mingle with them and follow their methods of teaching? Why did He go about so unpretendingly, working among all classes? If He were a true prophet, they said, He would harmonize with them, and would treat the publicans and sinners with the indifference they deserved. It angered these guardians of society that He with whom they were continually in controversy, yet whose purity of life awed and condemned them, should meet, in such apparent sympathy, with social outcasts. They did not approve of His methods. They regarded themselves as educated, refined, and pre-eminently religious; but Christ's example laid bare their selfishness.” COL 185

What does the Bible Jesus us about the main purpose of Jesus?

Mat 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

1Ti 1:15 This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

What was Jesus, reply to the Pharisees and scribes when they made same type of accusation before?

Luk 5:30 But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners?

Luk 5:31 And Jesus answering said unto them, **They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.**

Luk 5:32 **I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.**

Who are sinners?

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

ALL even the self-righteous like the Pharisee, but they did recognize themselves as in need of repentance

Why did Jesus come to save sinners?

John 3:16-17

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

1 John 4:9-10

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the

world, that we might live through him.

- 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

This is real LOVE. The ministry of Jesus is the manifestation of God's love. This is real love! This is not a love based on sentimentalism or feelings, but the principles of God's character found in 1 Corinthians 13.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

- 4 Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;
 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;
 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Think about it:

Jesus love for us is so deep to save us He literally gave His life! This is an aggressive and tenacious love! An aggressive love that moves with power to break through and endures any obstacle to save us. AGGRESSIVE LOVE is conditional love. In order to redeem us and save sinners a condition of the salvation contract had to be fulfilled, DEATH!. The price for our souls is DEATH. Jesus paid it with His life to fulfill the contract! Jesus aggressive love does not excuse sin, but saves us from it.

How does Jesus illustrate the deep and aggressive love that He has for every single person?

In Luke chapter 15 while the Pharisees and the scribes were murmuring and complaining about Jesus eating with publicans and sinners, Jesus lifts up His voice and gives three powerful parables that illustrate His aggressive love for every person.

3 Power Aggressive Love parables

1. The Lost Sheep
2. The Lost Silver Coin
3. The Prodigal Son

Today we are only going to look at the first two, next sermon we will look at the prodigal son.

What is the first aggressive love parable does Jesus give in Luke 15?

Luke 15:3-7

- 3 And he spake this parable unto them, saying,
 4 **What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?**
 5 **And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.**
 6 **And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.**
 7 **I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.**

At the time of Christ, raising sheep was a major part of the Jewish economy. Every sheep was extremely valuable. Sheep are very docile and timid creatures they total depend on the shepherd for survival. They depend on their shepherd for protection from their natural predators such as wolves.

Wondering Sheep

For time to time a sheep while going from one grazing pasture to another wanders away from the flock of sheep. Sometimes they are distracted or allured away from the flock without of the shepherd's notice. After the shepherd rounds up the flock for a count before they journey on to another pasture he notices that one sheep is missing. After the other sheep are secure, he goes on his search and rescue mission for the lost sheep. The shepherd searches and searches high and low for the lost sheep. He climbs hills and mountains. He

aggressively pushes his way through thorns and thickets. For time to time he is cut and bruised by the jagged rocks and sharp thorns. He has no time to attend to his wounds. His thoughts are only on the lost sheep. From a distance he hears the cry of the lost sheep. Bah bah! The shepherd get excited only thinking of the lost sheep. As he gets closer to the cry. He looks down off in the distance. He sees that the sheep is stuck in the thicket down in a deep narrow ravine in between two mountains. He aggressively make his way down the steep ravine. As he gets closer and closer the sound of the sheep starts to fade. The sheep was fighting so hard to free himself, but now he was running out of energy. In addition to that the sheep is bleeding from the terrible fall he took down the ravine. His vital life energy is gradually fading. The shepherd sees and hears this and moves more aggressively toward his lost sheep. He pushes away stones, rocks, and the thick brush. At last he makes it to the lost sheep! He binds up the sheep wounds, gives water and food to the sheep. He than puts the sheep on his shoulders and aggressively makes his way up the ravine, through the thicket and thorns back to his flock. As he nears the flock, he is rejoicing and singing about his sheep that was one lost but now found! When he brings the whole flock back to the village he gathers his family and friends to rejoice that he found his precious lost sheep!

In the parable who does the lost sheep represent?

Luke 15:7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Sinners. All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God! We have all broken the law of God lost, broken, and trapped.

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Who is the shepherd who shows his aggressive love towards the lost sheep?

Joh 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

Joh 10:14 I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine.

What is the description of our spiritual condition as lost sheep?

Romans 3:10-19, 23

10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

13 Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:

14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:

15 Their feet are swift to shed blood:

16 Destruction and misery are in their ways:

17 And the way of peace have they not known:

18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.

19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

What is a powerful lesson of the parable of the lost sheep that reveals Jesus' aggressive love towards us?

“It was taught by the Jews that before God's love is extended to the sinner, he must first repent. In their view, repentance is a work by which men earn the favor of Heaven. And it was this thought that led the Pharisees to exclaim in astonishment and anger. "This man receiveth sinners." According to their ideas He should permit

none to approach Him but those who had repented. But in the parable of the lost sheep, Christ teaches that salvation does not come through our seeking after God but through God's seeking after us." COL 189

Jesus aggressive love and came rescue us even when we were unaware of our sinful condition.

Jesus love is not based on what we do.... There is nothing we can do to earn God's love...

Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

"We do not repent in order that God may love us, but He reveals to us His love in order that we may repent."
Christ Object Lessons p 189

There is rejoicing over one sinner that repents and turns to Jesus!

Luk 15:7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Collectively what does the lost sheep also represent?

"By the lost sheep Christ represents not only the individual sinner but the one world that has apostatized and has been ruined by sin. This world is but an atom in the vast dominions over which God presides, yet this little fallen world--the one lost sheep--is more precious in His sight than are the ninety and nine that went not astray from the fold. Christ, the loved Commander in the heavenly courts, stooped from His high estate, laid aside the glory that He had with the Father, in order to save the one lost world. For this He left the sinless worlds on high, the ninety and nine that loved Him, and came to this earth, to be "wounded for our transgressions" and "bruised for our iniquities." (Isaiah 53:5.) God gave Himself in His Son that He might have the joy of receiving back the sheep that was lost. COL 191

1Jn 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

What does Jesus reveal about our work?

Joh 17:18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

1Pe 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

Searching for love sheep with the aggressive love of Jesus is our work that Jesus gives us to do.

"Every soul whom Christ has rescued is called to work in His name for the saving of the lost. This work had been neglected in Israel. Is it not neglected today by those who profess to be Christ's followers?

How many of the wandering ones have you, reader, sought for and brought back to the fold? When you turn from those who seem unpromising and unattractive, do you realize that you are neglecting the souls for whom Christ is seeking? At the very time when you turn from them, they may be in the greatest need of your compassion." COL 191

What is the value of one person lost in sin to Jesus?

This is illustrated in the next parable that Jesus gives.

Luke 15:8-10

8 Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find *it*?

- 9 And when she hath found *it*, she calleth *her* friends and *her* neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.
- 10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Who does the silver coin represent?

Every soul is valued as precious like silver. The lost of one silver coin was an extreme lost! The ancient houses of the poor were normally one room houses with no windows. The floors were dusty and rarely swept. When the widow dropped the coin, it was easily cover over by the dust and debris in a dark room. She diligently searched with candle and broom until she found the valued one silver coin.

“The coin, though lying among dust and rubbish, is a piece of silver still. Its owner seeks it because it is of value. So every soul, however degraded by sin, is in God's sight accounted precious. As the coin bears the image and superscription of the reigning power, so man at his creation bore the image and superscription of God; and though now marred and dim through the influence of sin, the traces of this inscription remain upon every soul. God desires to recover that soul and to retrace upon it His own image in righteousness and holiness.” COL 194

Who does the woman and the candle represent?

The women represent God's one true and pure church and the candle is the truth of Jesus Christ. It is the mission of the church to search for lost value souls of the kingdom of God. We must go to the dusty streets covered in spiritual darkness with God light of truth.

Lost Silver Found!

Like the finding of the lost sheep, when the valuable silver coin is found there is great rejoicing and telling others of the exciting news. This is how it is in heaven when one sinner repents and turn Jesus!

What are some more lessons that we learn from both the lost sheep and silver?

This parable, like the preceding, sets forth the loss of something which with proper search may be recovered, and that with great joy. But the two parables represent different classes. The lost sheep knows that it is lost. It has left the shepherd and the flock, and it cannot recover itself. It represents those who realize that they are separated from God and who are in a cloud of perplexity, in humiliation, and sorely tempted. The lost coin represents those who are lost in trespasses and sins, but who have no sense of their condition. They are estranged from God, but they know it not. Their souls are in peril, but they are unconscious and unconcerned. In this parable Christ teaches that even those who are indifferent to the claims of God are the objects of His pitying love. They are to be sought for that they may be brought back to God. COL 193

What is a powerful lesson that Jesus is teaching to families about the lost silver?

“If there is in the family one child who is unconscious of his sinful state, parents should not rest. Let the candle be lighted. Search the word of God, and by its light let everything in the home be diligently examined, to see why this child is lost. Let parents search their own hearts, examine their habits and practices. Children are the heritage of the Lord, and we are answerable to Him for our management of His property.” COL 195

The greatest mission field starts at home first.

How much do you value a soul? Do you have a burden to reach out to others who are in sin?

(Powerful Quote)

“If you are in communion with Christ, you will place His estimate upon every human being. You will feel for others the same deep love that Christ has felt for you. Then you will be able to win, not drive, to attract, not repulse, those for whom He died. None would ever have been brought back to God if Christ had not made a personal effort for them; and it is by this personal work that we can rescue souls. When you see those who are

going down to death, you will not rest in quiet indifference and ease.” COL 197

Remember Jesus as an aggressive love that has paid the price! Do we have the same love for others? Jesus is coming EXTREMELY soon. The signs of the time are fast approaching.

The world may not see the fulfillment of prophecy and its spiritual implications, but unconsciously they are giving God's people clues to WAKE UP the end is near.

Time Magazine showing picture of Hillary and Trump “The End Is Near”

While the world is lost, looking for answers to the chaos of the election season, the current riots, the SDA church is promoting a rated “R” movie “Hack Saw Ridge” Directed by Mel Gibson

Desmond Doss was an honorable man of God, WW2 veteran, who saved over 70 lives on the battle field would have NEVER sold his story to Hollywood. Obviously those who were in charge of Doss estate betrayed his trust.

From Spider Man to Desmond Doss to Jesuit Priest Actor **Andrew Garfield**

How did Andrew Garfield get his inspiration?

He visited the home of Desmond Doss prayed to his spirit! This is spiritualism and the church is promoting this. They are desolate. **[Show short clip!]**

It is just interesting to note that the next character that Andrew plays after the movie of Hack Saw Ridge is a Jesuit priest in the movie entitled, “Silence”

All ministries who think that promoting a rate R movie will win souls for Jesus Christ are totally deceived. Desmond Doss himself knew what Hollywood would do. Not only the GC SDA church, but support ministries like Amazing Facts and Doug Bachelor (show pics) Remnant Publication (promote) 3ABN etc...

WAKE UP AN GET OUT, the house is on fire! Foolishness... Get out of foolishness into truth!

“The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones.” 9T p. 11

Prophecy updates:

1) Donald Trump will continue where Obama left of with the LGBT movement

“On Sunday, at a rally in Colorado, [Mr. Trump](#) proudly held up a rainbow flag with the words “LGBT for [Trump](#)” written on it to a cheering crowd of thousands. It was an historic moment for gay equality and the Party of Lincoln as the 2016 [GOP](#) nominee for President of the United States held high the flag for gay equality. No other Republican Presidential nominee in history has embraced the LGBT community in such a loud and proud way.

But the moment was nevertheless historic. [Trump](#) walked on stage in Greeley, Colorado to a large cheering crowd when he spotted a rainbow flag in the audience. As the music blasted through the speakers, [Mr. Trump](#) pointed to a supporter as if to ask if he could see his flag and then motioned for a campaign worker to help retrieve the LGBT symbol of equality from the attendee.”

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/nov/2/donald-trump-holds-high-flag-gay-equality/>

2) The Mark of the Beast is HERE under the guise of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change in which we are now under international LAW! November 4th.

3) Donald Trump will continue the papacy's agenda and help complete the formation of the image of the beast!

“You’ve been silenced like a child has been silenced,” he told the pastors at an Orlando event organized by the [American Renewal Project](#), making the bogus claim that pastors are barred from addressing political issues. “Your power has been totally taken away.

He then expressed dismay that people don’t even know about the existence of Sunday school: “I mean Christianity, when you think of what’s happening and you look at the numbers, I talk about Sunday school and people don’t even know what I’m talking about anymore, it’s true, they don’t even know what I’m talking about.”

“We’re gonna bring it back because it’s a good thing, it’s a good thing,” he [said](#). “They treat it like it’s a bad thing but it’s a great thing, not a good thing, it’s a great thing.”

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Donald Trump Vowed to Close the Gap Between Church and State

With Donald Trump’s campaign losing ground among independent voters in recent weeks due to a series of [well-publicized mistakes](#), the GOP presidential nominee has [tripled down](#) with the one base of political support that has steadfastly remained with him—white, evangelical voters—by promising to dismantle the laws that separate church and state in America.

“If I get elected President, one of the early things, one of the absolute first things I’m going to do is work on totally knocking out the Johnson Amendment,” he said. “The power you have is so enormous. It’s not like you represent two percent of the country and it’s going to be difficult. You’re probably 75, 80 percent. If you want to put your full weight ... I mean, can you imagine if all of your people start calling up the local congressman and the local senator?”

Trump promised the evangelical pastors that, by abolishing the prohibition on churches spending tax-exempt money on political advocacy, it would reverse the slow, steady decline in church attendance and public attitudes toward Christian beliefs in the United States.

<http://time.com/4452309/trumps-evangelical-voters/>

Christian Leaders Comment on Donald Trump President-Elect

"[Paula White, U.S. President-elect Donald Trump's spiritual adviser](#), a member of his evangelical advisory board and pastor of the New Destiny Christian Center in Florida, issued this written statement: "Far more than what divides us, this election has revealed what unites us. I have never seen such solidarity between evangelicals and Catholics, Pentecostals, charismatics and Baptists. We were brought together with a mutual love for our country and through a mutual faith in God."

<http://www.gospelherald.com/articles/67859/20161109/christian-leaders-comment-on-donald-trump-president-elect.htm>

Ralph Reed: Data Show Evangelicals, Catholics Delivered Key States to Trump

Conservative Christians gave Donald Trump 79 percent of their votes, Ralph Reed, founder and chairman of the Faith & Freedom Coalition, told reporters Wednesday.

That split left 15 percent voting for his Democratic rival Hillary Clinton, Reed said.

Evangelical Christians and observant Catholics made up 33 percent of the electorate, according to polling by Glen Bolger and Public Opinion Strategies. "It is the highest share of the electorate made up of conservative Christians in a presidential election in the modern era," Reed said.

In the 2016 cycle, it was a two-way street for Trump's outreach to conservative Christians, he said. No Republican nominee had ever made the consistent effort to connect with conservative Christians than Trump.

<http://www.breitbart.com/2016-presidential-race/2016/11/10/ralph-reed-data-show-evangelicals-catholics-delivered-key-states-trump/>

4) Donald Trump's message to the Beast

Show video clip

The whole world wonders after the beast. Trump will put the icing on the image of the beast cake! The END of TIME is HERE

Appeal – Aggressive Love for reaching out for souls and giving the LOUD CRY. Aggressive evangelism.