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Sermon Notes

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My friend thinks "She's too big of a sinner to be forgiven"

1) She's Half Right

Isa 53:6

"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;"

James 2:10

"Whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it."

Rom 6:23

"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Exodus 20:3-20

1—You shall have no other gods before me.

2—You shall not make for yourself any graven image.

3—You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

4—Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy.

5—Honor your father and mother.

6—You shall not murder.

7—You shall not commit adultery.

8—You shall not steal.

9—You shall not bear false witness.

10—You shall not covet.

Romans 3:10

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one."

2) She's Half Wrong

Luke 19:10

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

Matt 9:10-13

"Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and 'sinners' came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?"

On hearing this, Jesus said, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

John 1:29

"...John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Isa 53:5-6

"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Romans 5:20

"Where sin increased, grace increased all the more ..."
("Grace" is God's kindness toward people who don't deserve it.)

Eph 2:8-9

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- 9 not by works, so that no one can boast."

What does it take to have Grace Receiving Faith?

1) Admit your desperate need for forgiveness

Matthew 5:3

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

1 John 1:9

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

2) Recognize that the death of Jesus Christ is the only thing that can patch things up between you and God.

1 Timothy 2:5-6

"There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who have himself as a ransom for all men..."

3) Believe that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that He rose from the grave and is alive.

Rom 10:9-10

"...if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

4) Accept that your judgment has already taken place, and you have been declared "not guilty!"

Romans 5:1-2

"Since we have been justified [declared 'not guilty'] through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand ..."

*"I don't deserve this.
I'm not good enough."
That's why Christ died.*

Gal 2:21

"I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"