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Hunger & Thirst for Righteousness

Matthew 5:6



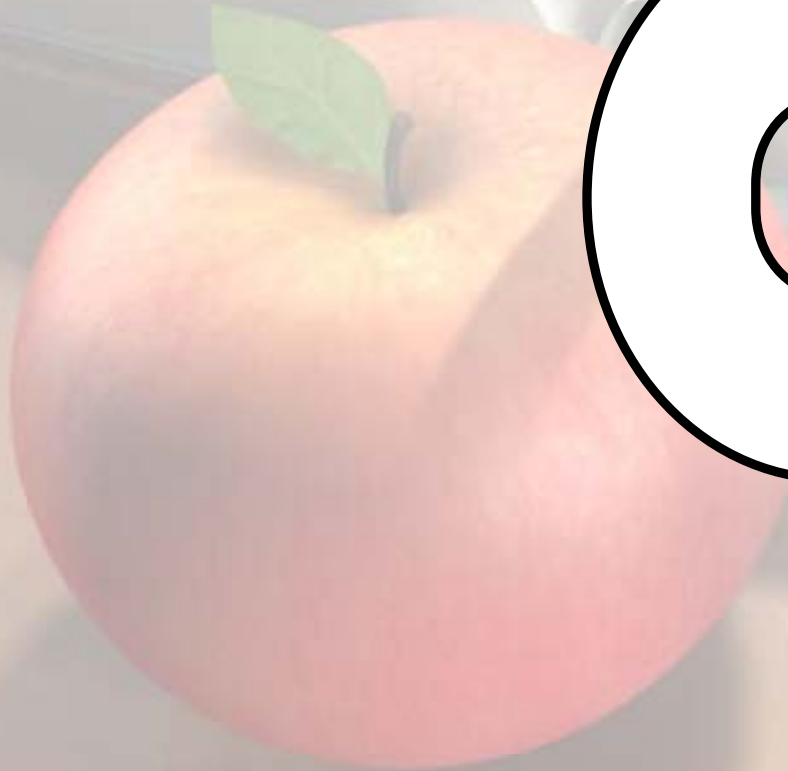
Righteousness

- Scepter of God's Kingdom
 - Hebrews 1:8-9
- Pursue it
 - Matthew 6:33
- Excel in it
 - Matthew 5:20
- He is our Righteousness
 - Jeremiah 23:6, II Corinthians 5:21

Hunger & Thirst

- Appetite
- Satiated? Quenched?
- Filled is a promise
- What we continually desire
- Like the taste of Manna?
- Souls need continuous nourishment
- A dietary plan of God's Righteousness

Essential Repentance



Essential Repentance

- Learn to sin
- Recognize the error
- Acknowledge the emptiness
- Longing for God
 - Luke 6:47
- Hearing of His way
- Commitment to doing it

Luke 1:52-53

He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.

-Mary

Luke 7:36-50

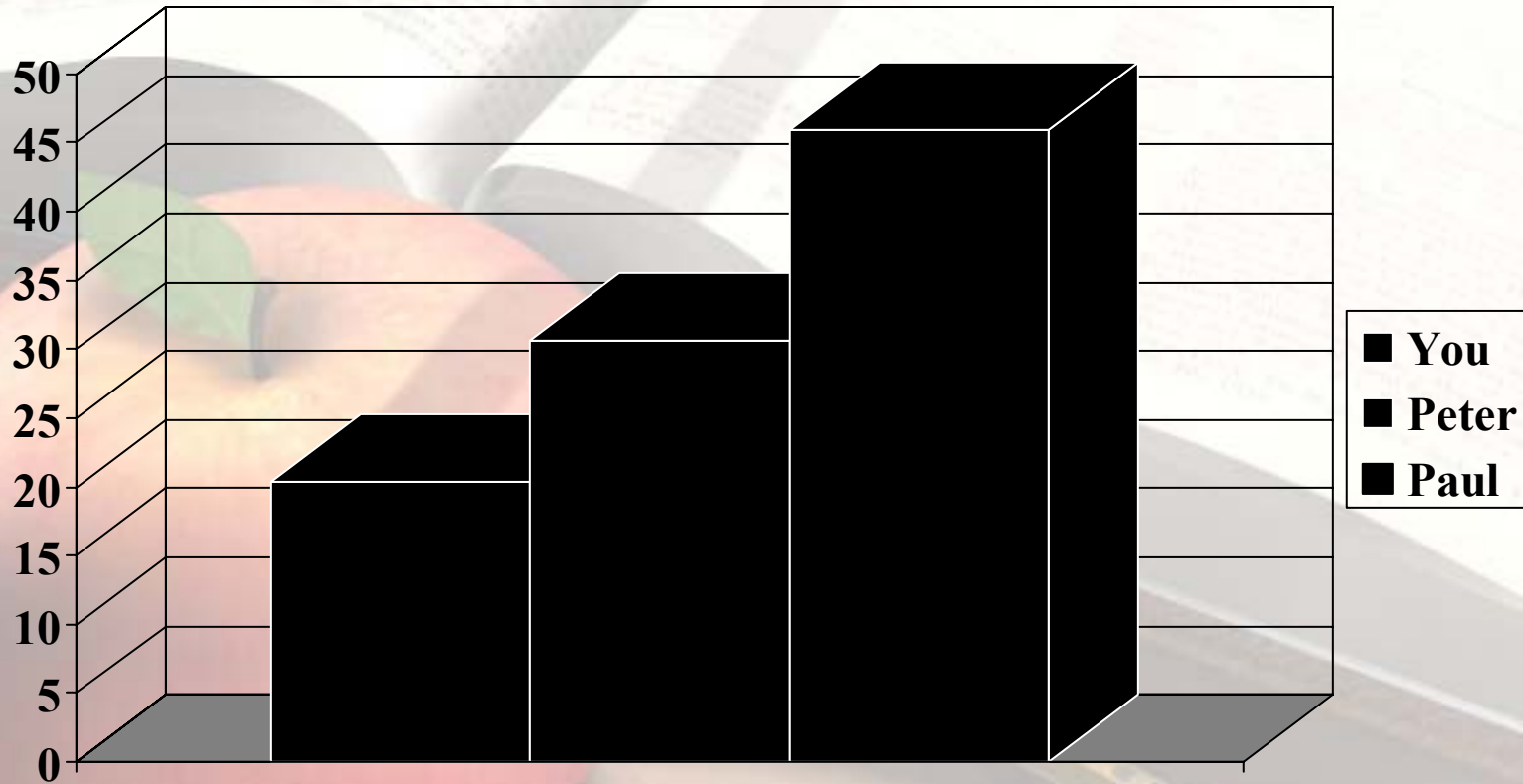
- More Sin
- More Grace
- More Love in return
(Goal)

Greater sin receives greater forgiveness, in turn **loves God** more?

Problem with this view

- Promotes more sin for more Grace
 - Romans 6:1
- Keeping righteous minimizes our level of love
- Our love is based on our sins
- There becomes different 'levels' of grace

Amount of Sins



2 Debtors

- Certain Creditor
- Freely Forgiven
- Pharisee
- Offered Hospitality
- Doubted Jesus (v39)
- Focused on her sins
- Loved Him less

- Certain Creditor
- Freely Forgiven
- Sinner
- Worshipped Him
- Believed
- Wept for her sins
- Loved Him more

2 Debtors

- Pharisee's sin was small to him
- It was less relief to him to have it removed
- He was less appreciative
- Sinner's sin was big to her
- It was a greater relief to her to have it removed
- She was more appreciative

Luke 7:36-50

- Recognize your own depth of sin
- See the depth of sin's consequences
- See your need for forgiveness
- Know the love shown to you
- Appreciate and Love Him more

More Sin?

- I John 3:4 Sin is lawlessness
- I John 5:17 All unrighteousness is sin
- Romans 3:9 We are all under sin
- Matthew 9:13 Jesus came to call sinners
- I Timothy 1:15 Jesus came to save sinners
 - Paul claims to be the chief sinner
- Luke 13:2 Are these Galileans worse?
- Romans 6:23 Wages of Sin is death

Size of the debt?

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More Love

- Type and amount of sins are not equal
- Debt of sin & payment is equal for all
- Love is unbounded by all
- Encourages teaching righteousness to children
- Encourages staying righteous
- Encourages Loving more

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Amount of LOVE is proportionate
to the FORGIVENESS received,

It is NOT proportionate to the
Amount of Repentance,

But is proportionate to the Value
placed on the Debt Paid for the SIN

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Greater amount of conviction of sin

Greater desire for forgiveness

Therefore, more love.

How can we Love More ?

- Commit no willful sin
 - Hebrews 10:26
- Do not quenching the Spirit
 - I Thessalonians 5:12-19
- Know the Power of the Resurrection
 - Philippians 3:9-11
- Love your neighbor
 - I John 3:14,17

Conclusion

- Let God be the King of “our thrones”
- Keep a diet of Righteousness
 - His Scepter
 - Our 1st pursuit
 - Excel in it
 - HIS righteousness
- Hunger for “good things”
- Repentance is essential to this diet
- Don't be sent away empty for seeking this world
- See how great YOUR sin is & How great the payment
- LOVE MORE

