

Parables of Luke (NCC Equip Class January-March 2017)

Session #7: February 26, 2017

“The Triple Crown of Parables”

Luke 15:1-32

Introduction:

The 3 Parables of Luke 15:

1) _____ (15:4-7)

2) _____ (15:8-10)

3) _____ (15:11-32)

What point does Jesus make in all three of these parables?

Is God Joyful? _____ Always? _____ How do you know?

Context:

What provokes Jesus to tell these three parables? (Cf. 15:1-3)

Describe the pattern that all 3 parables follow:

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Briefly describe what Jesus says/does in the given key passage from Luke’s Gospel: (Note the common theme)

Luke 4:16-19 -

Luke 19:10 -

Luke 5:27-32 -

Explain what many Pharisees/Jews expected from the coming Messiah: (I.E. What did they expect him to be like?)

What Old Testament concepts regarding the coming Messiah might they have overlooked?

Luke 7:36-50 -

What did the Pharisees/Scribes think about the company that Christ kept?

➤ Why do you think that is?

I. The Pharisees Position: Sinners Should Not Be Saved (1-2)

Do sinners deserve judgment/hell? _____

What is the problem, then, with the Pharisees pointing it out?

Explain how the Pharisees words/action in Luke 15:2 revealed their

#1 – Hypocrisy –

#2 – Ignorance –

According to the Pharisees and Scribes – what two things did Jesus do wrong and why?

#1 -

#2 -

What instruction does Jesus give at the end of His sermon found in Luke 14:35b?

What instruction did the tax collectors and sinners follow in Luke 15:1?

What did the Pharisees/Scribes think of Christ's practice of eating with "sinners"?

The Pharisees saw themselves as Israel's shepherds. How did they treat the sheep under their care?

Explain the differences in these 2 crowds:

Luke 11:14-16 –

Luke 15:1 –

How did Christ prove to be a loving/kind Shepherd? (Cf. Psalm 23)

Explain how Luke 15 – gives us the heavenly side of Christ's mission/salvation:

When a sinner on earth repents, what does heaven do?

How many sinners does it take to provoke this rejoicing?

II. Jesus' Position: Heaven and God Himself Rejoices When Sinners are Saved (3-32)