

Crossway Multinational Church

We will begin around 10AM
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 but that he loved us and sent his Son
 as an atonement sacrifice for our sins. 1 JOHN 4:10

atonement sacrifice = costly gift that reunites people with God

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 Our greeting time will begin shortly,
thank you for coming early! November 15, 2020

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Welcome to Crossway Multinational Church!

We **strive** to be a **church** that is
for, of and by
 the peoples of many nations

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOVEMBER	15				19		
					26	27	28
	22			5			
	29		1	2	3	4	5
DECEMBER	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14			18	19	

Welcome people to building (Nov 15)
 Breakout Sessions Today (Nov 19)
 Anniversary Celebration and Annual Meeting (Nov 22)
 Start of Advent season (Nov 29)
 Serving at Love Clothing Center Judson Baptist Church (Dec 12)

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GREETINGS

Take a moment to turn on video and “look around”

- Feel free to use the chat function to greet others too

Waving poll: Give a big wave if...

- You like to travel (when there is no pandemic!)
- You would rather go by plane than car or ship
- You would rather go by car than plane or ship
- You would rather go by ship than car or plane
- You would rather stay home
- You are thankful for Zoom when you can't travel
- You are thankful to gather in the presence of God

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as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 JOHN 4:10

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I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord

Psalm 89:1

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

mercies = steadfast love and care

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With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness.
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations.

Thy = Your

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Bless His Holy Name

Bless the Lord, oh my soul!
 And all that is within me,
 bless His holy name!
 Bless the Lord, oh my soul!
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 bless His holy name!
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 bless His holy name!

11

He has done great things
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Isaiah 53:1-6 | 以赛亚书 53:1-6 ^(Chinese)

Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

我们所传的有谁信呢？
耶和华的膀臂向谁显露呢？

the arm of the Lord = God's strength

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He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

他在耶和华面前生长如嫩芽，
像根出于干地。
他无佳形美容使我们注视他，
也无美貌使我们仰慕他。

He = Jesus, the Messiah
tender shoot = young plant

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He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

他被藐视，被人厌弃；
多受痛苦，常经忧患。
他被藐视，
好像被人掩面不看的一样，
我们也不尊重他。

despised = hated
low esteem = of little worth

18

Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.

他诚然担当我们的忧患，
背负我们的痛苦；
我们却以为他受责罚，
是被 神击打苦待。

bore our suffering = accepted our punishment
stricken, afflicted = hurt

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But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

他为我们过犯受害，
为我们的罪孽被压伤。
因他受的惩罚，我们得平安；
因他受的鞭伤，我们得医治。

pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities
= suffered because of our wrongs

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We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

我们都如羊走迷，
各人偏行己路；
耶和華使我們眾人的罪孽都歸在他身上。

gone astray = wandered away

laid on him the iniquity of us all = transferred our punishment to Christ

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寶貴十字架
Precious Cross

Chinese

主耶穌，我感謝祢
→ zhu ye su, wo gan xie ni
Thank you Lord, You died for me

祢的身體，為我而捨
ni di shen ti, wei wo er she
With love, You gave Your life for me

22

帶我出黑暗，進入光明國度
→ dai wo chu hei an, jin ru guang ming guo du
Brought me from darkness into the world of light

使我再次能看見
shi wo zai ci neng kan jian
Opened my eyes to see

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Praise You Lord, Your love for me

祢的寶血，為我而流
ni di bao xue, wei wo er liu
Your blood of grace flows over me

blood = Jesus' death for us
grace = saving kindness
flows over = washes

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寶貴十架上, 醫治恩典湧流
 → bao gui shi jia shang, yi zhi en dian yong liu
Your tender mercy pours down from Calvary
 使我完全得自由
 shi wo wan quan de zi you
Your love has set me so free

tender mercy = compassionate kindness
 Calvary = where Jesus died

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寶貴十字架的大能賜我生命
 → bao gui shi jia di da neng ci wo sheng ming
The precious cross, by its pow'r I am set free
 主耶穌我俯伏敬拜祢
 zhu ye su wo fu fu jing bai ni
With my all, I worship at Your feet

precious cross = the priceless death of Jesus Christ
 pow'r = power
 at Your feet = in humble submission

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 → bao gui shi jia di jiu en shi ni suo li de yue
Your saving grace, so secure in this promise of old
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It's Your love unchanging for me

promise of old = God's promise from before time began

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English

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Jesus, Thank You **(Spanish)**

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend,
El misterio de la cruz no puedo comprender
 the agonies of Calvary.
La angustia que llegó a sufrir
 You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son,
El perfecto Dios, Su Hijo entregó
 Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me.
La copa amarga Él bebió por mí

agonies of Calvary = Jesus' suffering when he was crucified
crushed your son = God the Father punished Jesus in our place
bitter cup = painful punishment

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Your blood has washed away my sin.
Tu sangre, mi maldad lavó
 Jesus, thank You.
Gracias, Cristo
 The Father's wrath completely satisfied.
Fue satisfecha la ira de Dios
 Jesus, thank You.
Gracias, Cristo

washed away = forgave
wrath = just punishment
satisfied = an obligation that is completely met

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Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table.
Tu enemigo fui y hoy me siento a Tu mesa
 Jesus, thank You.
Gracias, Cristo

seated at Your table = welcomed in God's family

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By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near.
Por Tu sacrificio me acercaste a Ti
 Your enemy You've made Your friend.
Quitaste toda enemistad
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace,
Tu gloriosa gracia derramaste en mí
 Your mercy and Your kindness know no end.
Tu misericordia es sin igual

sacrifice = Jesus' death in my place
brought near = treated like family
pouring out = giving with abundance
know no end = endless

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Lover of my soul,
Amante de mi ser
 I want to live for You.
Quiero vivir por Ti

(3 times)

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Prayer of Confession

ISAIAH 59:1-4

Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save,
nor his ear too dull to hear.

² But your iniquities have separated
you from your God;
your sins have hidden his face from you,
so that he will not hear.

iniquities = immoral or unjust actions, words, or attitudes

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Prayer of Confession

³ For your hands are stained with blood,
your fingers with guilt.
Your lips have spoken falsely,
and your tongue mutters wicked things.
⁴ No one calls for justice;
no one pleads a case with integrity.
They rely on empty arguments, they utter lies;
they conceive trouble and give birth to evil.

mutter = grumbles

utter = speak

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Prayer of Assurance

ISAIAH 59:15-17

“... The LORD looked and was displeased
that there was no justice.

¹⁶ He saw that there was no one,
he was appalled that there was no one to intervene;
so his own arm achieved salvation for him,
and his own righteousness sustained him.

¹⁷ He put on righteousness as his breastplate,
and the helmet of salvation on his head;...”

intervene = come to rescue and help

arm = strength

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Prayer of Assurance

ISAIAH 59:20

“The Redeemer will come to Zion,
to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,”
declares the LORD.

Redeemer = Rescuer

Zion = God's people

Jacob = another name for Israel, God's people

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The Blessing
Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace

face = loving attention that protects and blesses
gracious = show mercy and forgiveness

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Prayer of Intercession

Some wandered in desert wastelands,
 finding no way to a city where they could settle.
 They were hungry and thirsty,
 and their lives ebbed away.
 Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,
 and he delivered them from their distress.
 He led them by a straight way
 to a city where they could settle.
 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
 and his wonderful deeds for mankind,
 for he satisfies the thirsty
 and fills the hungry with good things. PSALM 107:4-9

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"Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble..."

- **Coronavirus pandemic**
 - Physical health
 - Isolation
 - Emotional well-being
- Educational challenges
- Political divisions
- Transfer of power in the US
- Broken relationships
- The challenges of life
- Being the church in such strange times

How many new positive COVID-19 cases have there been each day?

This chart shows the number positive COVID-19 cases reported by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services daily. The state does not report numbers on Sunday, so numbers reported on Monday are averaged over Sunday and Monday.

Source: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services | The Detroit News

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Rankings...

When and where do people get ranked? Based on what?
 In a group of 100 people, where would you rank in terms of...

- Height: tallest? Shortest?
- Athletic ability?
- Artistic ability?
- Being a good friend?
- Having moral clarity? (being able to identify immorality)
- Being a good, moral person?

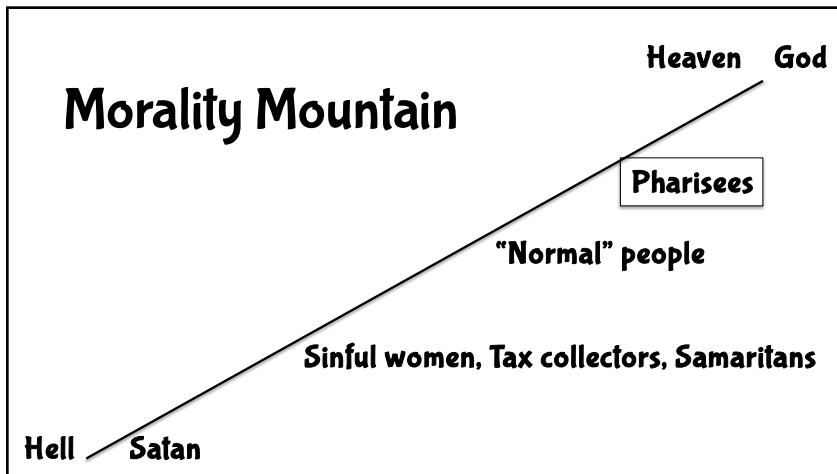
How does this ranking affect
 our relationship with God and people?

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Boundless Joy!
Luke 7:36-50

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Pharisees

Highly respected and powerful people in society

They followed the rules of God very carefully

- certain rules got more of their attention than others

They studied the Scriptures (plus their own traditions) very carefully

They were passionate for staying away from people and groups that were not similarly “pure”

They were viewed (and viewed themselves) as knowing who was pleasing to God and who was not

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Jesus' ways were problematic to the Pharisees

Jesus said: “Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

(All the people, **even the tax collectors**, **a very startling claim in Jesus' day!** when they heard Jesus' words, acknowledged that God's way was right, because they had been baptized by John. **“Scandalous!”**)

But the **Pharisees and the experts in the law** rejected God's purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptized by John.) **for example...**

Luke 7:23, 29-30

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Luke 7:36-38

³⁶ When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

sinful life = judged as immoral and unworthy by society
alabaster jar = translucent stone to hold expensive liquids

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Luke 7:39

³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.”

the one who is to come = God’s Promised One to bring God’s Kingdom

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Luke 7:40-43

⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.” “Tell me, teacher,” he said.

⁴¹ “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?”

⁴³ Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.”

“You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.

denarius = pay for one day of a laborer’s work

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Luke 7:44-47

⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

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Luke 7:48-50

⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

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Luke 7:36-50

36-38: Sinful woman highly honors Jesus when Pharisee didn't

- Pharisee and woman were exact opposites in society
 - Opposite ends of "Morality Mountain"
- Why did Pharisee (4 times!) invite Jesus?
 - Maybe because he was skeptical
 - He wanted to see for himself what Jesus was like
 - Maybe he wanted the honor of hosting a popular traveling speaker at a feast (a semi-public event)

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40-43: • Why did Jesus go?

- Graciously reaching out to the group that so often rejected Him

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Luke 7:36-50

- 36-38: Sinful woman highly honors Jesus when Pharisee didn't
- Woman was known by the locals, including Pharisee
 - She was viewed as "a sinner" (in society's view)
 - Even if others sinned, she was viewed as much worse
 - She came intentionally to anoint Jesus' feet
 - "How beautiful are the feet of him who brings good news" *Isaiah 52:7*
 - Perhaps she expected his feet to have been cleaned
 - as a host would have done to show high honor
- 39: Shocking actions! (weeping, feet, hair, perfume)
- 40-43: Jesus viewed her actions as an extreme expression of love and worship
- 44-47: of love and worship
- 48-50: • It seems she came because she realized forgiveness

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Luke 7:39

³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

the one who is to come = God's Promised One to bring God's Kingdom

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Luke 7:36-50

- 36-38: Sinful woman highly honors Jesus when Pharisee didn't
- 39: The Pharisee silently judges the woman
- Pharisee: the most virtuous people in society
 - This is his house, and he is responsible for the feast
 - His thinking:
 - A true prophet would be able to see the woman's great sinfulness
 - A true prophet would not allow such a bad sinner to touch him
- 40-43: • At least one of these 2 statements isn't true of Jesus
- 44-47: • Therefore, Jesus is not a true prophet (he is a fake)
- 48-50: • He judges Jesus for not judging the woman

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Luke 7:40-43

⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said.

⁴¹ "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

⁴³ Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

denarius = pay for one day of a laborer's work

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Luke 7:36-50

- 36-38: Sinful woman highly honors Jesus when Pharisee didn't
 39: The Pharisee silently judges the woman
 40-43: Principle: being forgiven more results in more love
- Great irony: Jesus did know sinful hearts!
 - Both the woman's and the Pharisee's
 - Pharisee did not know or admit his own sin
 - 2 debtors: 20 months versus 2 months
 - Both had the same trouble: unable to pay
 - Our view of how much we need forgiveness from Jesus shapes how we respond to Him
- 44-47: from Jesus shapes how we respond to Him
 48-50: • Receiving genuine forgiveness produces love in us

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Luke 7:44-47

⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

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 44-47: Woman proves God's wonderful forgiveness of her
- Jesus (shockingly) directly compares Pharisee and sinful woman: shaming him and honoring her
 - "Do you **see** this woman?"
 - "Do you realize the love and beauty in her response?"
 - She lavishly does what Pharisee did not do at all
 - Her love is evidence of her acceptance by God
- 48-50: • His lack of love is also revealing

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Luke 7:48-50

⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."
⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"
⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

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 44-47: Woman proves God's wonderful forgiveness of her
 48-50: Jesus blesses and honors the woman, to others' shock!

- Jesus publicly declares what the woman has already sensed: her sins are gone!
 - Wonderful assurance **and** restoration
 - Others are shocked that Jesus claims God's authority
 - And that God would forgive & honor such a woman!!
 - Saved by her faith, which resulted in rich love
 - Jesus calls her to walk in God's ways of peace

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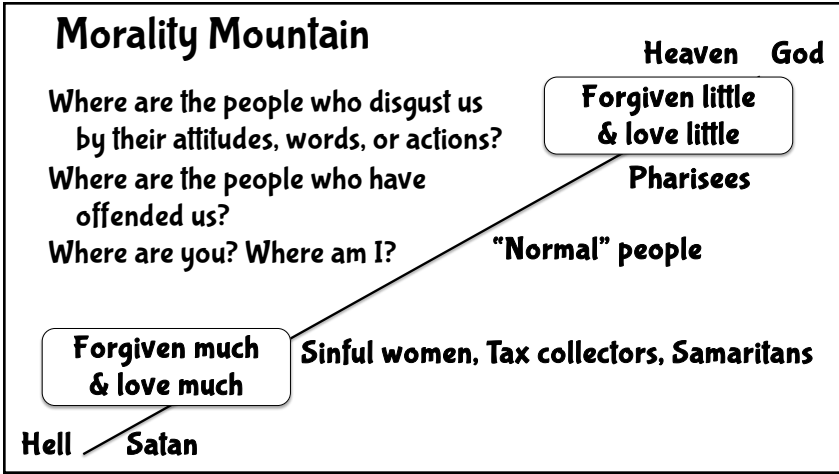
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 for God and for others**

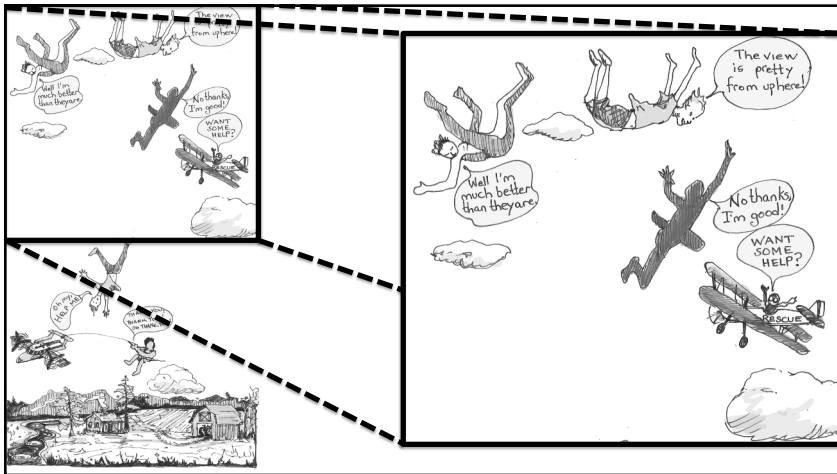
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Self-righteousness: believing that I am morally superior
 to people in another religious group
 to people in another social category, socio-economic class,
 tribe, country, ethnicity, ...
 to people in another political party
 to people in a sin that particularly bothers me
 Self-righteousness separates us from God
 Self-righteousness separates us from other people
 Self-righteousness destroys love
Self-righteous hearts are the farthest from God
•The Gospel is the opposite of self-righteousness

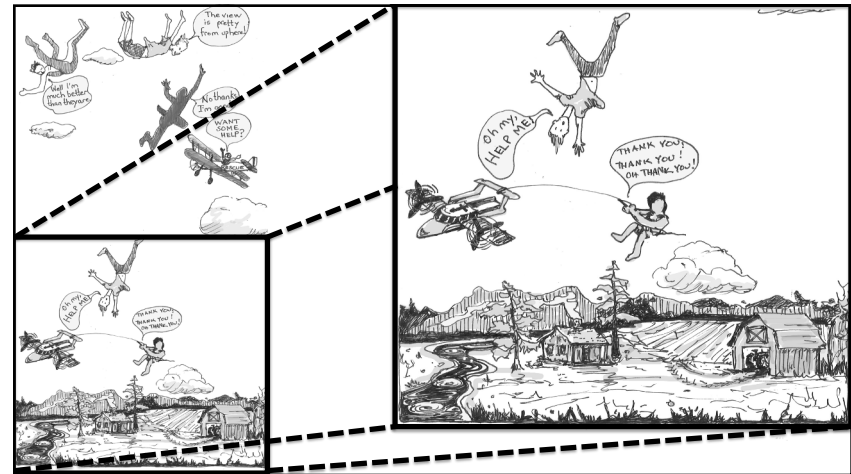
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The only difference between the high and the low is that the high imagine themselves to be better off

and they judge those who are lower

So they are less likely to think they need help, or to accept help, or to appreciate help

They love neither God nor people

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My **sin**, including my self-righteousness, is my disaster

- God’s gracious work is only ever with ungodly people
 - **Judging others is my claim that I am not in this category!**
- We attack the people God deeply loves, and then we sit in the judgment seat of God, declaring ourselves better than them
 - “You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.”

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Application

Be deeply moved by sin, righteousness, judgment, and grace

My **sin**, including my self-righteousness, is my disaster

God’s **righteousness** cannot tolerate sin

- He is morally perfect and glorious
- He is completely humble, patient, kind, & understanding
- He is the perfect combination of justice and mercy
- The intensity of His holiness consumes anything unholy that enters His presence
- And my self-righteousness is a key thing He cannot tolerate!

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Application

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God’s **righteousness** cannot tolerate sin

God’s just **judgment** is for sinners like me

- Justice will be done
- Judgment is real and frightening
 - Being separate from God is unending death
- Realize my **complete disaster** apart from the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for me

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Application

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 My **sin**, including my self-righteousness, is my disaster
 God's **righteousness** cannot tolerate sin
 God's just **judgment** is for sinners like me
 God's **grace** completely saves those who trust in Christ

- Jesus' death on the cross purchased complete and final rescue from **all** my sin and its disastrous effects!
- I am clothed in the perfect righteousness of Jesus forever!
- Forgiveness is freely given in Jesus, for all who will put their trust in Him

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Application

Be deeply moved by sin, righteousness, judgment, and grace
 Repent of self-righteousness

- It is ugly, foolish, a lie, and destructive
 - It separates us from God
 - It separates us from other people
 - **Please confront me when you see it in me!**
- We still must have a prophetic voice!
 - Jesus did and does
 - After removing the log of self-righteousness, we can see more clearly to remove the speck from others' eyes
 - With a purer love and humility and desire for the

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Application

Be deeply moved by sin, righteousness, judgment, and grace
 Repent of self-righteousness
 Receive complete forgiveness in Christ

- "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." *Romans 5:8*
- "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." *John 3:16*

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Application

Be deeply moved by sin, righteousness, judgment, and grace
 Repent of self-righteousness
 Receive complete forgiveness in Christ
 Joyfully love God

- Remind ourselves regularly...
 - What we deserve: shame, God's wrath, judgment
 - What we receive in Christ: we are the honored and deeply loved children of God
- Respond with great appreciation, joy, and thankfulness
- Trust God in the "smaller things" of life
 - Our perfect, gracious Father is working it all for our

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My sin...

oh, the joy of this glorious thought!

My sin, not in part, but the whole
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more!

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

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Application

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Repent of self-righteousness

Receive complete forgiveness in Christ

Joyfully love God

Joyfully love people

•Knowing how God has forgiven me

generates generous love for others in me

•“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you,
in order to bring praise to God.” *Romans 15:7*

•Having received such amazing love from God, we have the
joy of being a conduit of God’s love for others

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**“Accept one another, then,
just as Christ accepted you,
in order to bring praise to God.”** *Romans 15:7*

How we accept others is an indication of how God has
accepted us

When I don’t love others, it is evidence that...

– I don’t realize how much I need for forgiveness from
God

– I don’t realize how completely I have been forgiven
in Christ

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To be clear...

Our love is **not a means to get** God’s love

Our love is our inevitable response to receiving His love

“This is love: not that we loved God,
but that he loved us and sent his Son
as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” *1 John 4:10*

“We love because he first loved us.” *1 John 4:19*

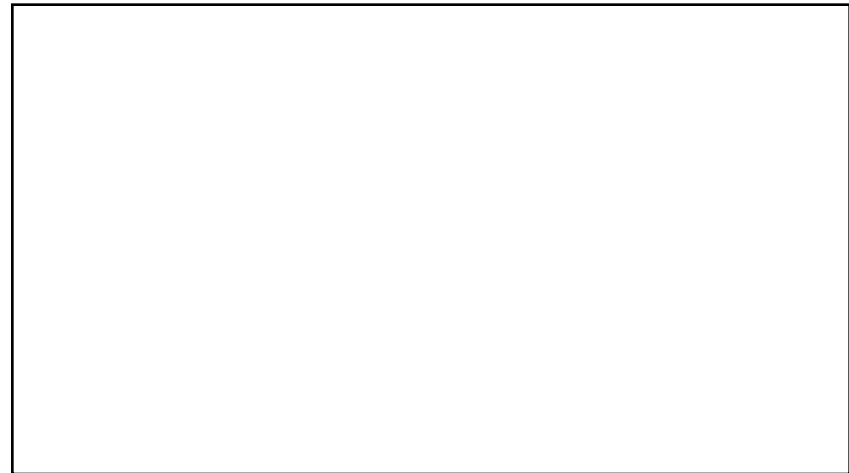
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**How much forgiveness do you need?
How much forgiveness have you received in Christ?
Our love for others and for God will reflect that
Thank you, God, for such great love for sinners like me!**

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Grace Awaiting Me

I will see the world to come
for One has suffered in my place.
Now there is grace awaiting me, awaiting me.
Judgment's done, atonement's made,
the ransom's paid, no guilt remains.
Now there is grace awaiting me, awaiting me!

see = live in
world to come = heaven
grace = forgiveness
atonement = payment for sin

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Grace - a welcome from the Father.
Grace - forgiveness full and free.
Grace - that's greater than our failings.
Oh there is grace awaiting me!

grace = forgiveness and love

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I take comfort in the hope
 of the thief upon the cross,
 for I am worthy of as little love as he.
 Like this man, I won't despair
 for life's ahead -- what joy we'll share.
 Now there is grace awaiting me, awaiting me!

thief = guilty man who first trusted Jesus while he was dying
despair = give up all hope

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Jesus you have loved and bought me.
 By your death my debts are paid.
 I am yours, I stand beside you,
 fearless, face the coming day.

bought = gave His live to rescue me
debts = what I owe God for my sins

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I will see the world to come
 despite the sin that I have done.
 For there is grace awaiting me, awaiting me.
 All who call upon the Lord
 will rise to life with peace assured
 for there is grace awaiting me, awaiting me.

see = live in
world to come = heaven
sin = immoral and unloving words and actions
grace = forgiveness and love

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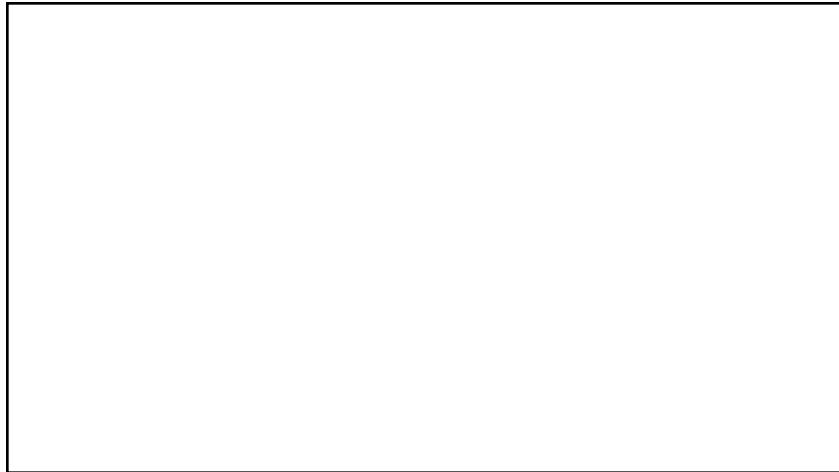
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May the LORD bless you and keep you,
The LORD make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
The LORD turn His face toward you
and give you peace.

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