

John 21:15-25
The God of All Grace and Second Chances
(pt. 2)

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Psalm 32 and Psalm 51 are inspired prayer-psalms. What are some of the defining characteristics of *true* repentance? Note 2 Corinthians 7:9-10.

What do King David and Simon Peter have in common?

John 21:15-17 illustrates a fifth vitally important lesson:

5) **The God of Second Chances Extends Grace Upon Grace to the _____**
and _____.

To help you apply God's Word this week, please review the questions/verses/songs on page 3.

For Further Reflection: *Lord help us to be doers of the Word and not just sermon connoisseurs*

How were you encouraged, challenged, and/or convicted today? What do you want to study further as a result of listening to today's message?

Review the 4 vitally important lessons from the past few expositions of John 21 (*see next page*). Which of the 4 lessons stood out the most to you? Why/How so?

Why do you think today's sermon was titled, "The God of All Grace and Second Chances"?

What songs/hymns came to mind while listening to today's exposition of John 21:15-21?

Psalms 32 and 51 are inspired prayer-psalms. What are some of the defining marks of true repentance? Take note of 2 Corinthians 7:9-10. What is "worldly sorrow that leads to death?" How is it different than "godly sorrow?" 1 John 1:7-10 teaches that regular confession of sin is one mark of a true believer (1 John 5:13). Compare and contrast Peter and Judas. (Heb. 12:17) How does Peter die? How does Judas end his life? (Matt. 27:3-5; Acts 1:18; John 17:12)

We recommend the short *Puritan Paperback* by Thomas Watson, "The Doctrine of Repentance."

Lord Jesus, this I pray: "To see Thee more clearly, follow Thee more nearly, and to love Thee more dearly, day by day." How does carefully studying the Gospel of John help us do just that?

Discuss the practical and theological significance of Jesus referring to the Church as MY lambs and MY Sheep. Note 1 Peter 5:1-12. Christ called the apostles, and later commands pastors/elders to "shepherd" the flock of God. What are some ways local church pastor-theologians protect Christ's lambs? (note Titus 1:10; 2 Tim. 1:1-10); Feed Christ's flock (2 Tim. 4:1-5; Acts 20:27); Watch over/look out for the flock (John 10:11-14; 1 Thess. 5:12-13).

"Sheep" by definition belong to a specific flock (church) and willingly follow human shepherds. What do you remember from the 19-part sermon series on sheepology, shepherdology, and biblical ecclesiology from 2019? What does a humble and faithful sheep look/sound like? Read Hebrews 13:17. How does this verse apply to church leaders? How does it apply to congregants?

Discuss the following two quotes: "Better is the sin that humbles me than the duty that makes me proud." "Don't allow past failures to get in the way of today's obedience to Christ."

How is one's love for Christ related to Christian living/ ministry? What is the relationship between heartfelt obedience and genuine love for Christ? The kind of love Christ models and calls us to is _____.

Summarize the failures and shortcomings of Jesus' original band of brothers (the 11 disciples/apostles). What about Simon Peter? Why would it have been reasonable (humanly speaking) if the Master started over with new leadership during the forthcoming "church age?"

Why were the original disciples of Christ, especially Peter, such broken, crushed vessels? (Note Luke 22:54-62). How/why were the formally self-confident and often proud disciples (note Matthew 26:31f; Luke 22:24-30) suddenly so sad and distraught?

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Sermon Outlines of John 20:19-21:117

Outline of John 20:19-23

- 1) Jesus Unexpected Appearance! *(John 20:19-20a)*
- 2) Cloud 9 Comfort and Joy. *(John 20:20-21a)*
- 3) The Pre-Great Commission Declaration! *(John 20:22-23)*

Outline of John 20:24-29

- 1) Resurrection Doubt(s). *(John 20:24-26a)*
- 2) Resurrection “Déjà Vu.” *(John 20:26-27)*
- 3) The Climatic Confession of Faith! *(John 20:28)*
- 4) The Final Beatitude! *(John 20:29)*

John 20:30-31 messages

Note the two related sermon series, “Christ in the O.T.” & “Jesus, Son of God.”

4 Vitally Important Lessons from John 21:1-17

This epic epilogue underscores:

- 1) The Historical Veracity of Christianity’s Most Important Miracle. Namely, we worship and serve a risen Savior (*Jn 21:1-2, 14; Rom. 1:4; 1 Cor. 15:1f*). Jesus is alive and well!
- 2) The Futility of our Efforts Apart From Christ. (*John 21:3; John 15:1f; Matt. 4:18-20*)
- 3) Our Compassionate God Meets All off our Needs According to His Glorious Riches in Christ.
(John 21:4-14; Phil. 4:19; Eph. 3:16-21; 1 Pet. 5:5; Heb. 13:8; Lam. 3:22f)
- 4) The Supreme Requirement for Christian Service is Genuine Love for and Devotion to Christ.
*(John 21:15a; 16a; 17a; 14:15-24; Eph. 6:24; Mt. 22:37; Rev. 2:1-5)*_

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