

The Sinner Who Brought Jesus Joy

The Parables of Jesus

Lk. 15:1-7

The Setting of the Parable *(15:1-2)*

A meal with “tax collectors and sinners”

A muttering from Pharisees and scribes

Christ’s Parable: the Lost Sheep *(15:3-6)*

Christ’s Message in the Parable

Jesus has joy in _____ and _____ the lost

Sinners can bring Jesus joy when...

- When they _____ to Him *(15:1)*
- When they _____ time with Him *(15:2)*

- When they _____, turning to Him *(15:7)*
- When they are _____ by Him *(15:6-7)*

Pharisees didn’t bring Jesus joy because...

- They thought they were extra-righteous enough to _____ heaven *(Lk. 18:9; Mt. 5:20)*
- They thought they were righteous, but in fact, they _____ righteous at all *(Ps. 14:3; Isa. 53:6; Ro. 3:10)*
- They, due to their _____, didn’t see their own sin and need for repentance and God’s mercy *(Lk. 18:9-13)*

Applying the Parable to Life

- Are you, like Jesus, joyful when a lost sinner repents? Does the prospect of that joy drive you to talk with and even dine with those who are lost?
- What does a self-righteous person look like today in your culture? What actions and behaviors are they trusting will win them favor with God? How can you be sure God views you as righteous?