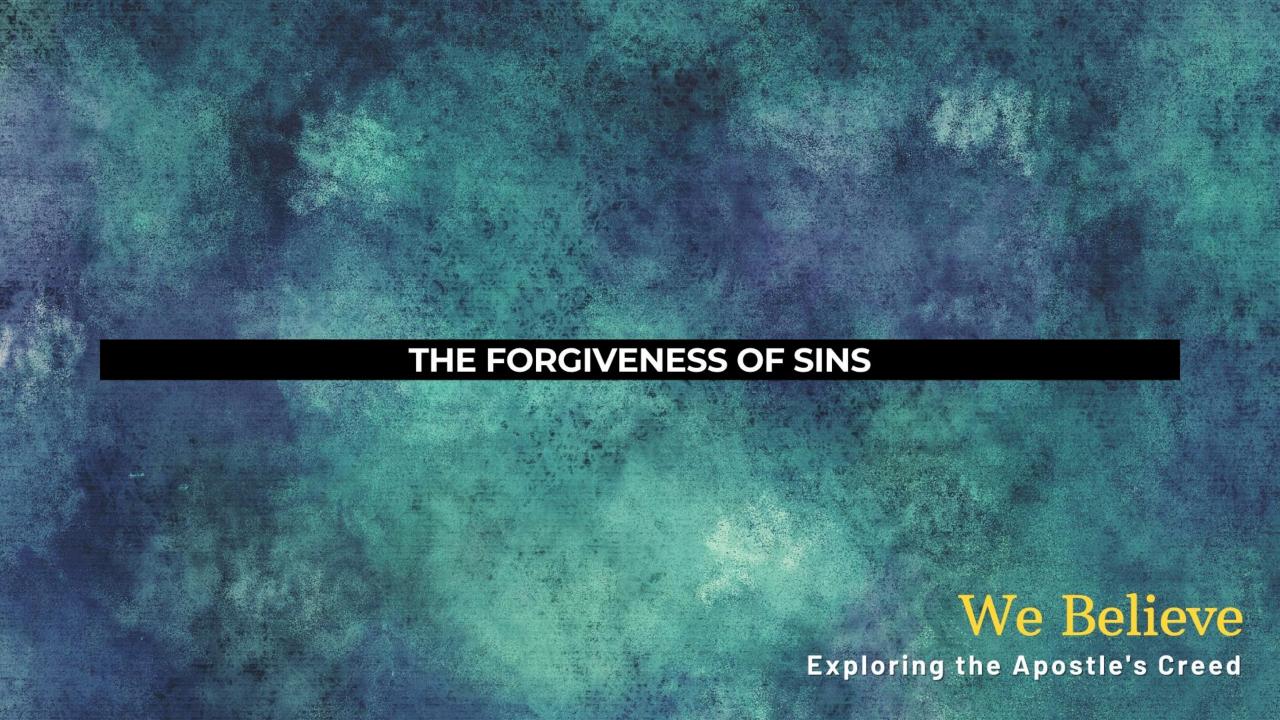
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I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD; WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT; BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY;

SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE; WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD AND BURIED; HE DESCENDED INTO HELL; THE THIRD DAY HE

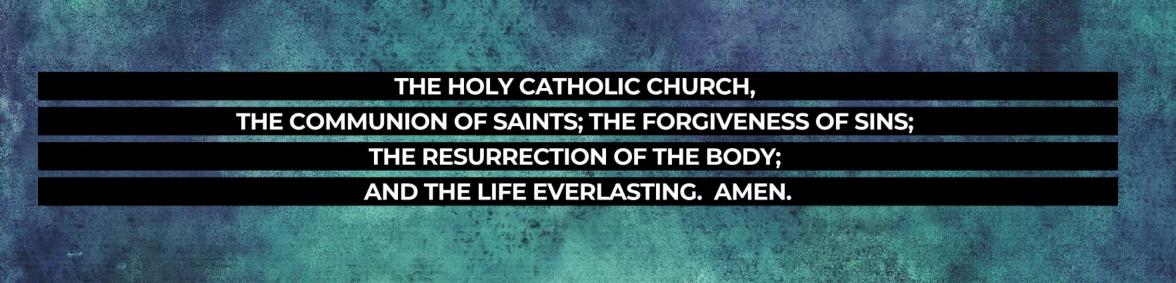
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HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN; AND SITS AT
THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY;
FROM WHENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.
I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT;

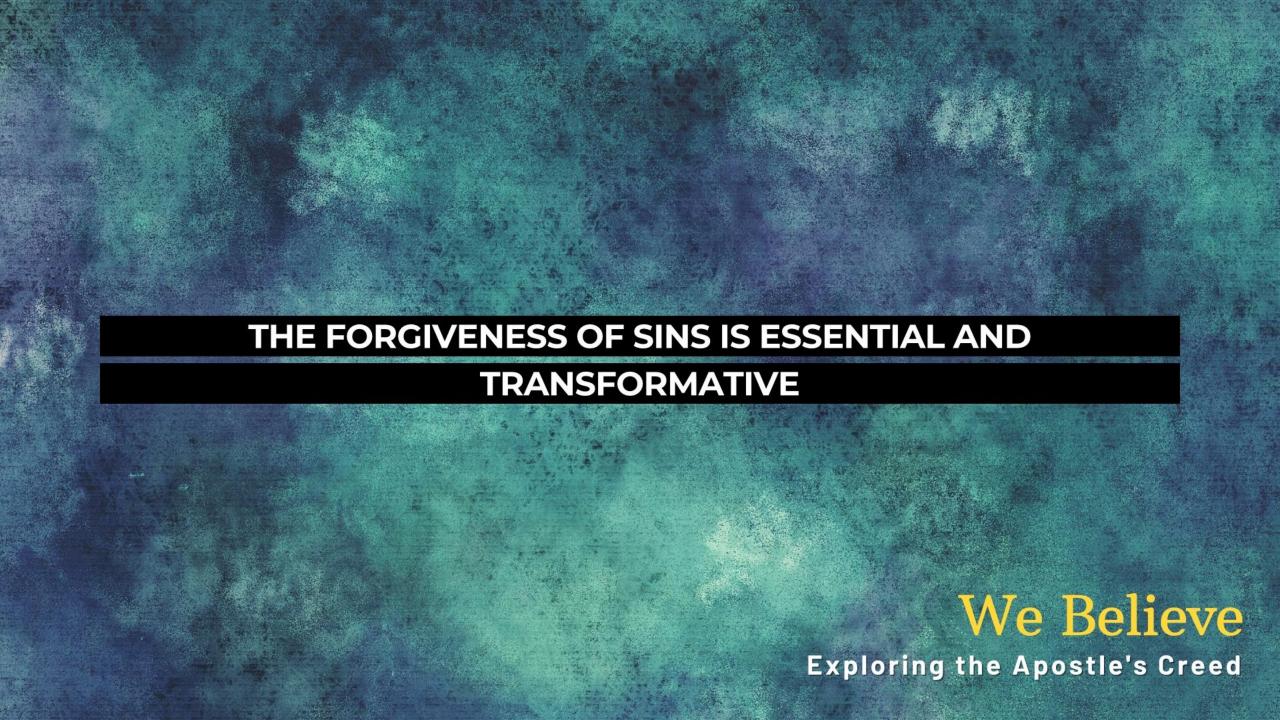
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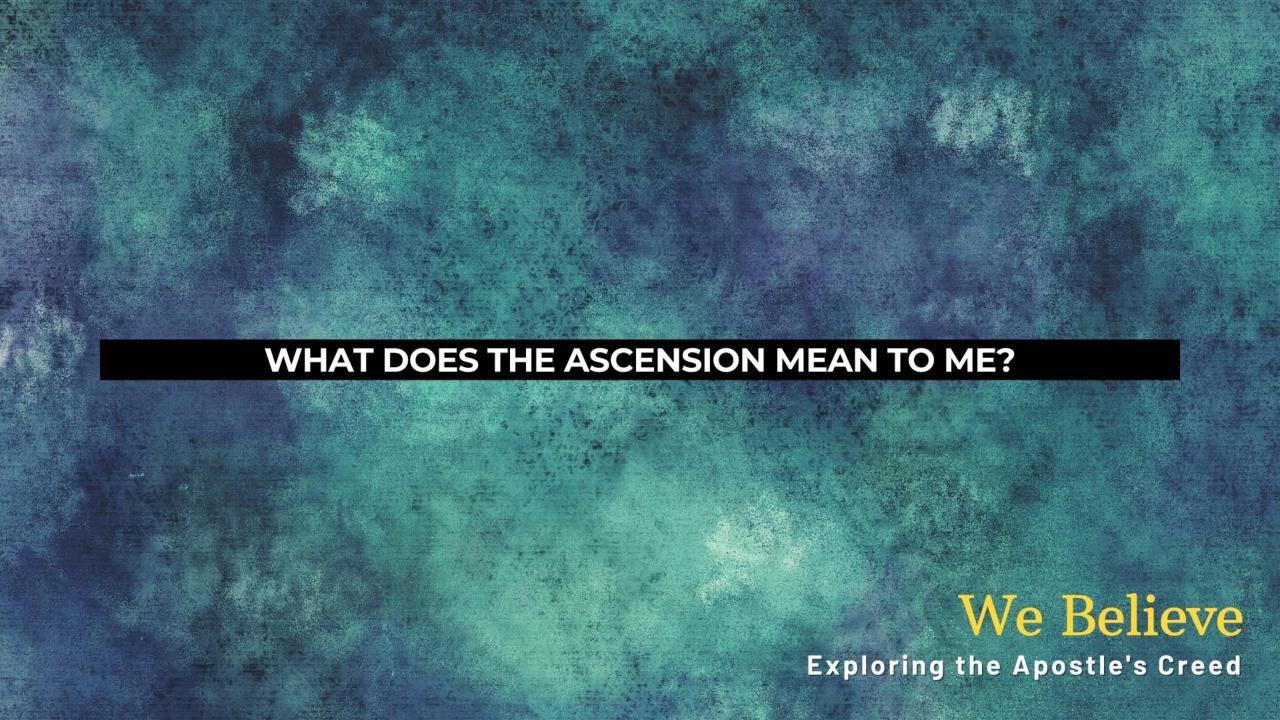
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³⁶ONE OF THE PHARISEES ASKED JESUS TO HAVE DINNER WITH HIM, SO JESUS WENT TO HIS HOME AND SAT DOWN TO EAT.

³⁷WHEN A CERTAIN IMMORAL WOMAN FROM THAT CITY HEARD HE WAS EATING THERE, SHE BROUGHT A BEAUTIFUL ALABASTER JAR FILLED WITH EXPENSIVE PERFUME.

LUKE 7:36-50 (NLT)

38THEN SHE KNELT BEHIND HIM AT HIS FEET, WEEPING. HER TEARS FELL ON HIS FEET, AND SHE WIPED THEM OFF WITH HER HAIR. THEN SHE KEPT KISSING HIS FEET AND PUTTING PERFUME ON THEM.

³⁹WHEN THE PHARISEE WHO HAD INVITED HIM SAW THIS, HE SAID TO HIMSELF, "IF THIS MAN WERE A PROPHET, HE WOULD KNOW WHAT KIND OF WOMAN IS TOUCHING HIM. SHE'S A SINNER!" LUKE 7:36-50 (NLT)

⁴⁰THEN JESUS ANSWERED HIS THOUGHTS. "SIMON," HE SAID TO THE PHARISEE, "I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO YOU." "GO AHEAD, TEACHER," SIMON REPLIED.

41THEN JESUS TOLD HIM THIS STORY: "A MAN LOANED MONEY TO TWO PEOPLE—500 PIECES OF SILVER TO ONE AND 50 PIECES TO THE OTHER.

⁴²BUT NEITHER OF THEM COULD REPAY HIM, SO HE KINDLY FORGAVE THEM BOTH, CANCELING THEIR DEBTS. WHO DO YOU SUPPOSE LOVED HIM MORE AFTER THAT?"

LUKE 7:36-50 (NLT)

⁴³SIMON ANSWERED, "I SUPPOSE THE ONE FOR WHOM HE CANCELED THE LARGER DEBT." "THAT'S RIGHT," JESUS SAID.

44THEN HE TURNED TO THE WOMAN AND SAID TO SIMON, "LOOK AT THIS WOMAN KNEELING HERE. WHEN I ENTERED YOUR HOME, YOU DIDN'T OFFER ME WATER TO WASH THE DUST FROM MY FEET, BUT SHE HAS WASHED THEM WITH HER HAIR.

⁴⁵YOU DIDN'T GREET ME WITH A KISS, BUT FROM THE TIME I FIRST CAME IN, SHE HAS NOT STOPPED KISSING MY FEET. LUKE 7:36-50 (NLT)

⁴⁶YOU NEGLECTED THE COURTESY OF OLIVE OIL TO ANOINT MY HEAD, BUT SHE HAS ANOINTED MY FEET WITH RARE PERFUME.

⁴⁷"I TELL YOU, HER SINS—AND THEY ARE MANY—HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, SO SHE HAS SHOWN ME MUCH LOVE. BUT A PERSON WHO IS FORGIVEN LITTLE SHOWS ONLY LITTLE LOVE."

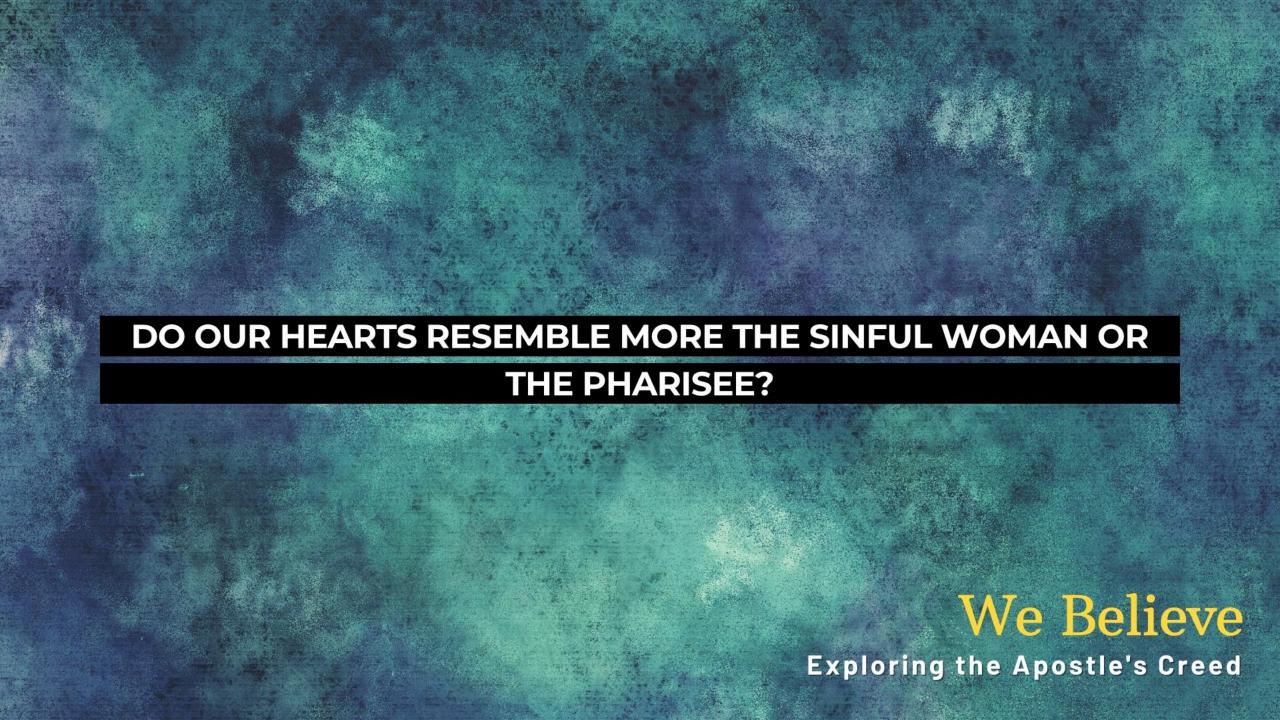
LUKE 7:36-50 (NLT)

⁴⁸THEN JESUS SAID TO THE WOMAN, "YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN."

⁴⁹THE MEN AT THE TABLE SAID AMONG THEMSELVES, "WHO IS THIS MAN, THAT HE GOES AROUND FORGIVING SINS?"

LUKE 7:36-50 (NLT)

50 AND JESUS SAID TO THE WOMAN, "YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU; GO IN PEACE."



TWO POSITIONS OF THE HEART: - RECOGNIZING YOUR NEED FOR FORGIVENESS OR - DENYING YOUR NEED FOR FORGIVENESS

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14EVEN GENTILES, WHO DO NOT HAVE GOD'S WRITTEN LAW, SHOW THAT THEY KNOW HIS LAW WHEN THEY INSTINCTIVELY OBEY IT, EVEN WITHOUT HAVING HEARD IT. ROMANS 2:14-15 (NLT) 15THEY DEMONSTRATE THAT GOD'S LAW IS WRITTEN IN THEIR HEARTS, FOR THEIR OWN CONSCIENCE AND THOUGHTS EITHER ACCUSE THEM OR TELL THEM THEY ARE DOING RIGHT.

ROMANS 2:14-15 (NLT)

²⁸SINCE THEY THOUGHT IT FOOLISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE GOD, HE ABANDONED THEM TO THEIR FOOLISH THINKING AND LET THEM DO THINGS THAT SHOULD NEVER BE DONE. ROMANS 1:28-32 (NLT)

²⁹THEIR LIVES BECAME FULL OF EVERY KIND OF WICKEDNESS, SIN, GREED, HATE, ENVY, MURDER, QUARRELING, DECEPTION, MALICIOUS BEHAVIOR, AND GOSSIP.

ROMANS 1:28-32 (NLT)

30THEY ARE BACKSTABBERS, HATERS OF GOD, INSOLENT, PROUD, AND BOASTFUL. THEY INVENT NEW WAYS OF SINNING, AND THEY DISOBEY THEIR PARENTS. ROMANS 1:28-32 (NLT)

³¹THEY REFUSE TO UNDERSTAND, BREAK THEIR PROMISES, ARE HEARTLESS, AND HAVE NO MERCY. ROMANS 1:28-32 (NLT)

32THEY KNOW GOD'S JUSTICE REQUIRES THAT THOSE WHO DO THESE THINGS DESERVE TO DIE, YET THEY DO THEM ANYWAY. WORSE YET, THEY ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO THEM, TOO. ROMANS 1:28-32 (NLT)

1YOU MAY THINK YOU CAN CONDEMN SUCH PEOPLE, BUT YOU ARE JUST AS BAD, AND YOU HAVE NO EXCUSE! WHEN YOU SAY THEY ARE WICKED AND SHOULD BE PUNISHED, YOU ARE CONDEMNING YOURSELF, FOR YOU WHO JUDGE OTHERS DO THESE VERY SAME THINGS.

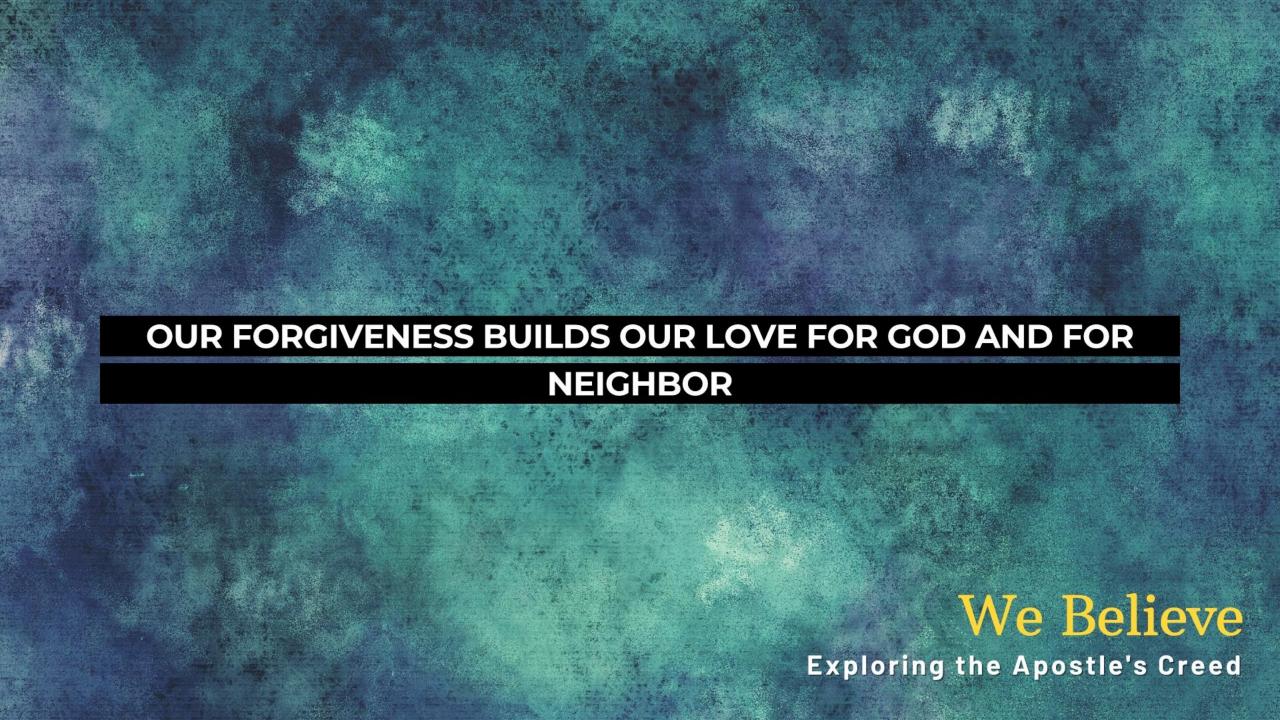
ROMANS 2:1-4 (NLT)

²AND WE KNOW THAT GOD, IN HIS JUSTICE, WILL PUNISH ANYONE WHO DOES SUCH THINGS.

ROMANS 2:1-4 (NLT)

3SINCE YOU JUDGE OTHERS FOR DOING THESE THINGS, WHY DO YOU THINK YOU CAN AVOID GOD'S JUDGMENT WHEN YOU DO THE SAME THINGS? ROMANS 2:1-4 (NLT)

*DON'T YOU SEE HOW WONDERFULLY KIND, TOLERANT, AND PATIENT GOD IS WITH YOU? DOES THIS MEAN NOTHING TO YOU? CAN'T YOU SEE THAT HIS KINDNESS IS INTENDED TO TURN YOU FROM YOUR SIN? ROMANS 2:1-4 (NLT)

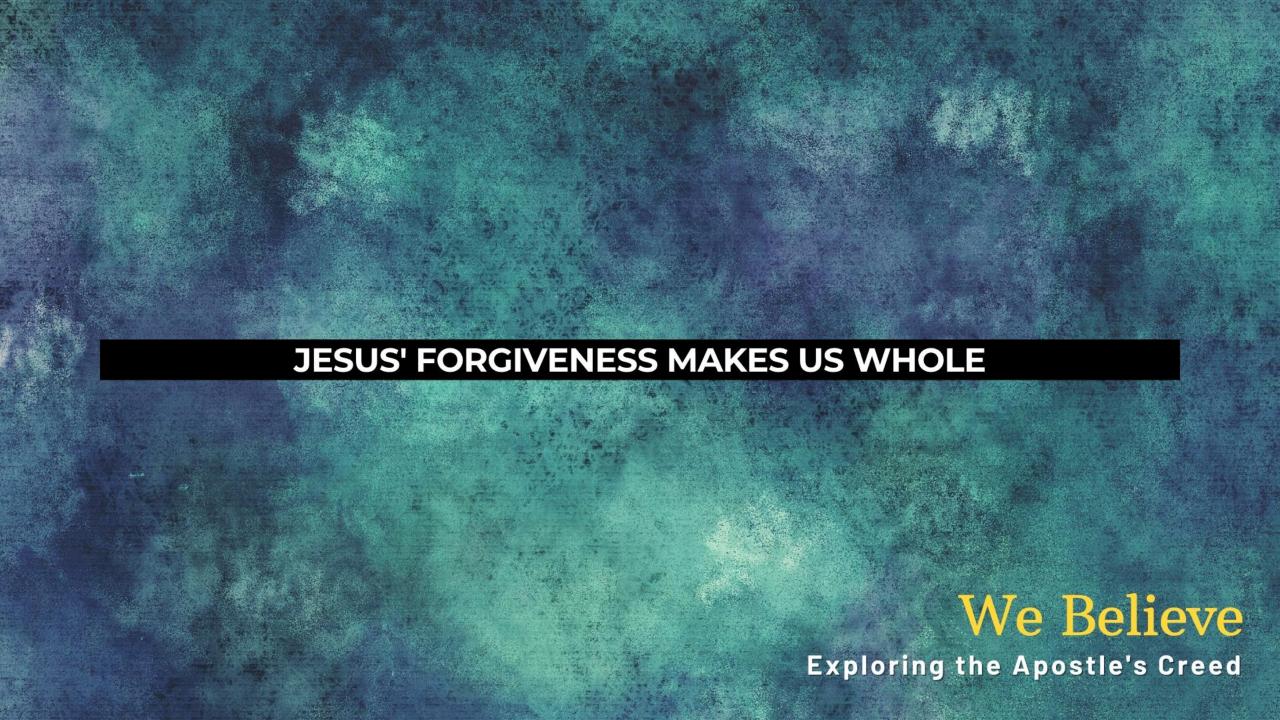


⁴⁷"I TELL YOU, HER SINS—AND THEY ARE MANY—HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, SO SHE HAS SHOWN ME MUCH LOVE. BUT A PERSON WHO IS FORGIVEN LITTLE SHOWS ONLY LITTLE LOVE."

LUKE 7:47-48 (NLT)

⁴⁸THEN JESUS SAID TO THE WOMAN, "YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN."

LUKE 7:47-48 (NLT)



50AND JESUS SAID TO THE WOMAN, "YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU; GO IN PEACE."

1SO NOW THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION FOR THOSE WHO BELONG TO CHRIST JESUS.

ROMANS 8:1-4 (NLT)

²AND BECAUSE YOU BELONG TO HIM, THE POWER OF THE LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT HAS FREED YOU FROM THE POWER OF SIN THAT LEADS TO DEATH.

ROMANS 8:1-4 (NLT)

THE LAW OF MOSES WAS UNABLE TO SAVE US BECAUSE OF THE WEAKNESS OF OUR SINFUL NATURE. SO GOD DID WHAT THE LAW COULD NOT DO. HE SENT HIS OWN SON IN A BODY LIKE THE BODIES WE SINNERS HAVE. AND IN THAT BODY GOD DECLARED AN END TO SIN'S CONTROL OVER US BY GIVING HIS SON AS A SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS.

ROMANS 8:1-4 (NLT)

⁴HE DID THIS SO THAT THE JUST REQUIREMENT OF THE LAW WOULD BE FULLY SATISFIED FOR US, WHO NO LONGER FOLLOW OUR SINFUL NATURE BUT INSTEAD FOLLOW THE SPIRIT.

ROMANS 8:1-4 (NLT)