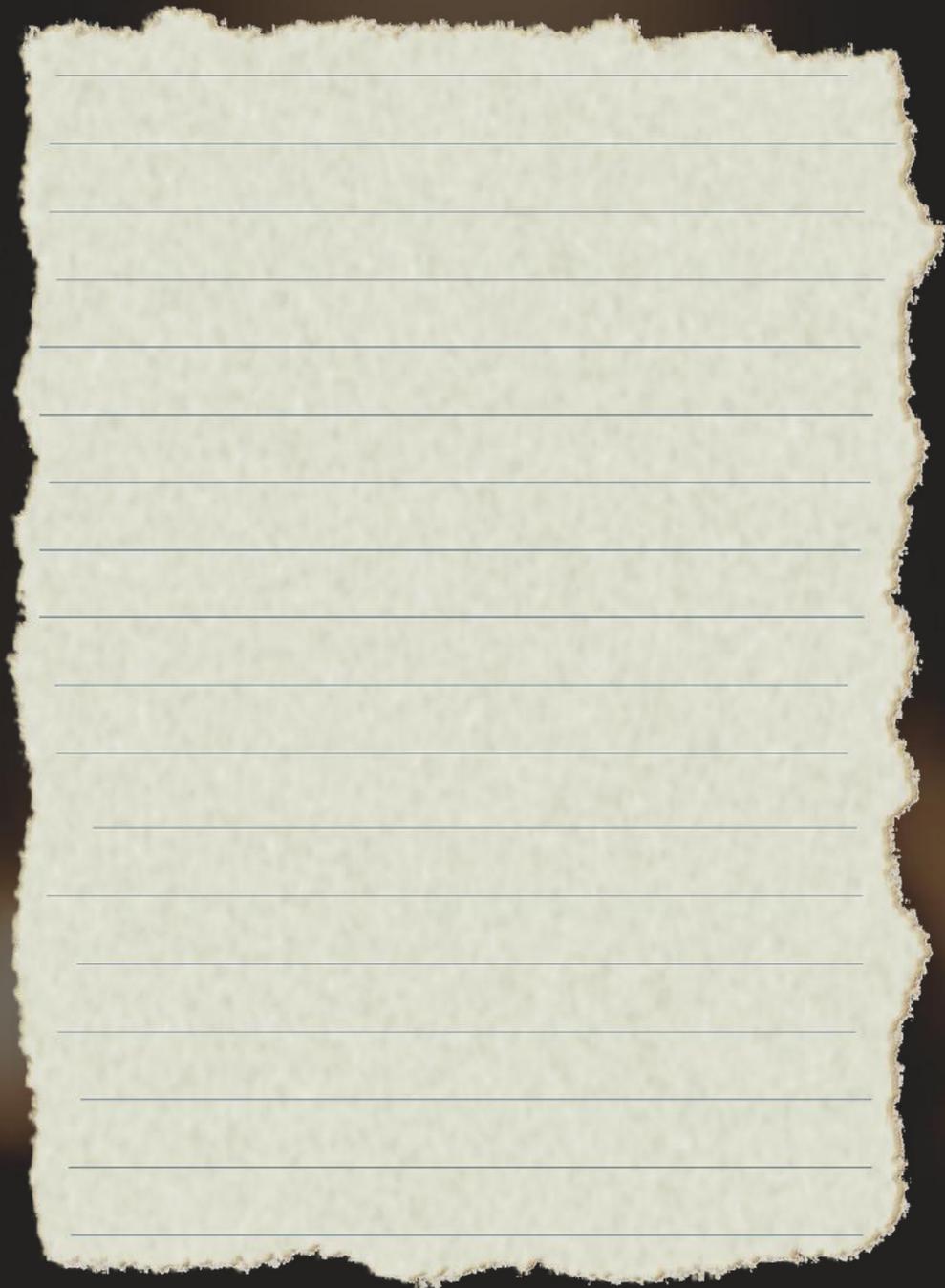


JESUS IS

*FORGIVING & THE
POWER TO FORGIVE*



How can I

know that I am

Forgiven?

“If God doesn’t forgive sin, then there is no hope of heaven.”



How can I
know I am forgiven?



“Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown.”

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

“Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves.”

2 Cor. 13:5

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We will see:

The *Need* for Forgiveness

The *Evidence* of Forgiveness

The *Source* of Forgiveness



Then Levi (the tax collector) held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Luke 5:29-30



“There is no doubt that the woman previously heard the preaching of Christ’s love and acceptance of ‘sinners’ and was deeply moved, believed and repented. The story assumes this before the drama opens. The woman had heard Jesus proclaiming his message of grace. The entire account makes no sense without this assumption.”

Kenneth Bailey



“In traditional middle Eastern culture a woman was obligated to cover her hair in public. Failure to do so would have justified a man divorcing his wife without giving her any financial support.

In the time of Jesus, a bride on her wedding night let down her hair allowing it to be seen by her husband for the first time. No one in the room could have missed the intent of the woman's gesture. By unloosing her hair, she is making some form of ultimate pledge of loyalty to Jesus."

K. Bailey



“The minimum Jesus could expect as a guest would have been a kiss greeting and a little water and oil to wash. With the omission of these no one in the room could have missed the message sent: ‘You are not welcomed here!’ It would have been tremendously insulting.”

K. Bailey



“...It is clear that her tears are not for her sins but his public humiliation. She is in anguish because in her eyes the one who has set her free with the message of the love of God for sinners is being publicly humiliated.”

K. Bailey



Jesus-

Simon, she doesn't need to become like you, you need to become like her, because both sinners and law keepers are in need of forgiveness.

We all see her response. Simon, what will be yours?

What Truths does God want us to know?

What Questions does He want us to ask?

What Changes might He want to make?

Truth:

All of us have a sin debt we
cannot repay.

Truth:

Forgiveness is a gift received
by faith through Christ.

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Truth:

Love for Christ is evidence of
forgiveness by Christ.

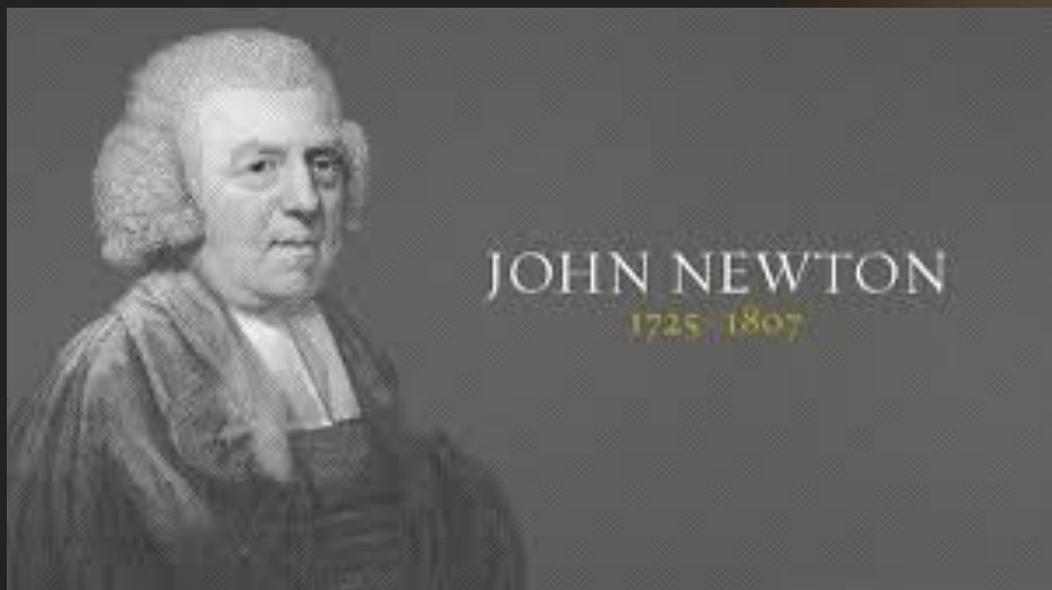
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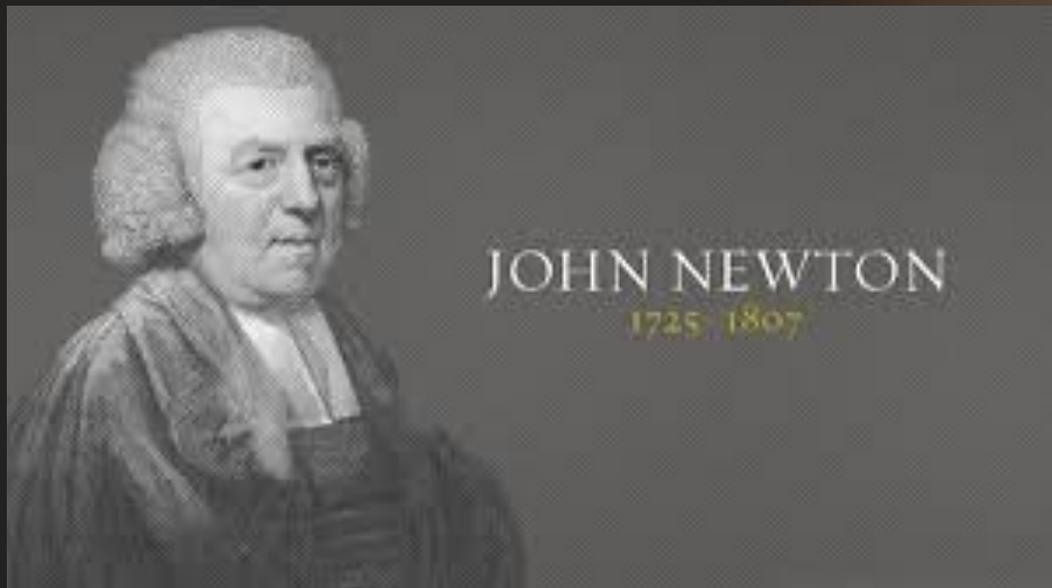
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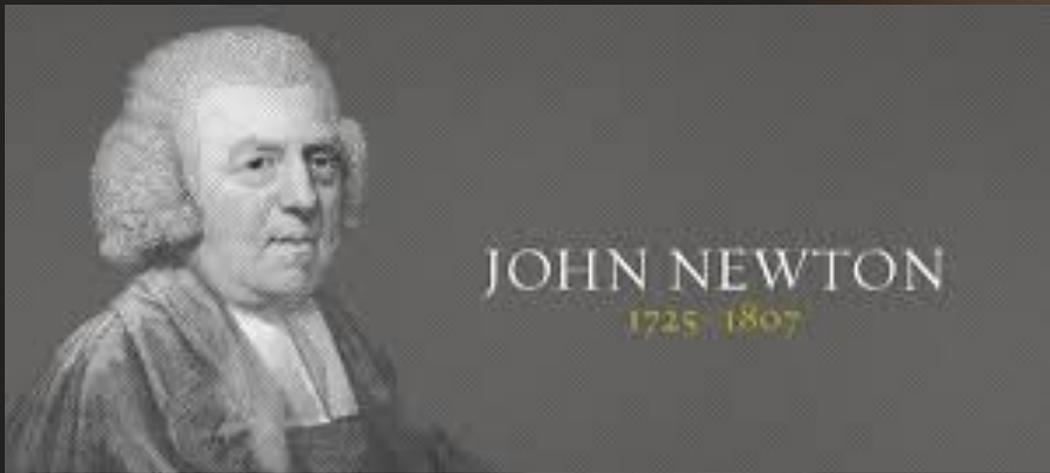
“Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.”

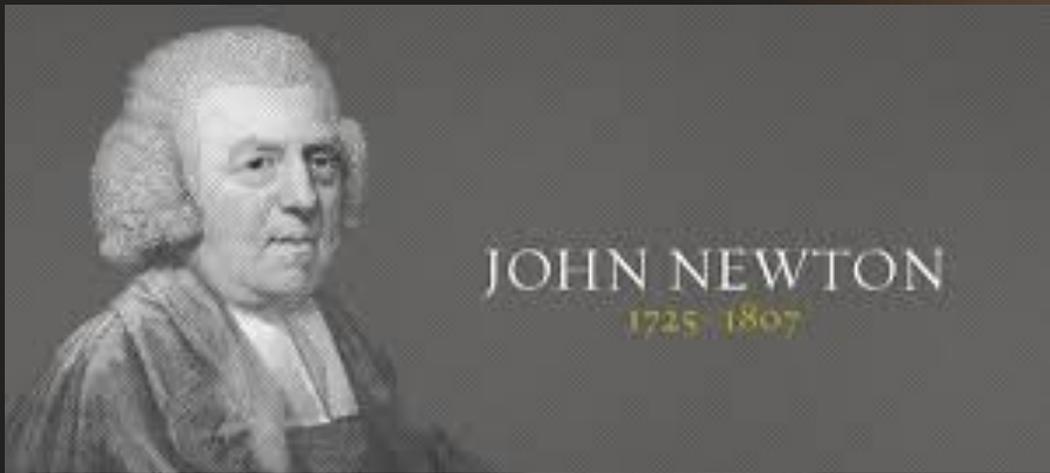
1Timothy 1: 13-14



JOHN NEWTON
1725-1807







Question:

Is much forgiveness
the only way to
love much?



Question:

Do I show love for
Christ?

What changes might
God want to make?

Changes:

From Achieving to Receiving

From Doubting to Believing

From Keeping to Telling

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