

# THIS MAN RECEIVES SINNERS

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“This man receiveth sinners” (Luke 15:2). Observe the condescension revealed by this statement. This Man, who towers above all other men, holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners—this Man receives sinners. That any of us are willing to seek after the lost is nothing wonderful—they are part of our own race. But the holy God against whom the transgression has been committed took on himself the form of a servant. He bore the sin of many and then became willing to receive the vilest of the wicked. This is marvelous! He does not receive sinners in order that they may remain sinners. He receives them that he may pardon their sins, justify and cleanse their hearts by his purifying word, and preserve their souls by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. He enables them to serve him, to show

forth his praise, and to have communion with him. Into his heart’s love he receives sinners, takes them from the pit of misery, and wears them as jewels in his crown. He rescues them from the burning fire and preserves them as costly monuments of his mercy. None are as precious in Jesus’ sight as the sinners for whom he died. When Jesus receives sinners it is not at some outdoor reception place where he charitably entertains them as passing beggars. Rather, he opens the golden gates of his royal heart and receives the sinner right into himself. He admits the humble penitent into personal union and makes him a member of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

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