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GRACE

A series from the parables in Luke 15

¹ Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him.

² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?”

⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

⁸ “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

“All of us, like sheep have gone astray. We have all turned to our own way.”

Isaiah 53:6



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ORIGINAL
SIN



A CULTURAL HISTORY
ALAN JACOBS

“Most of us know, now, that
Rousseau was wrong: that man,
when you knock his chains off,
set up the death camps.



Randall Jerrell
Literary Critic & Poet Laureate

“Soon we will know everything
the eighteenth century didn’t
know and nothing it did, and it
will be hard to live with us.”



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ORIGINAL SIN



A CULTURAL HISTORY

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“Wait a minute. Modern culture says it has left behind Christianity’s repulsive doctrine of original sin. But it also says it has left Rousseau’s naiveté about human nature behind, so where the hell are we?”

Solzhenitzen

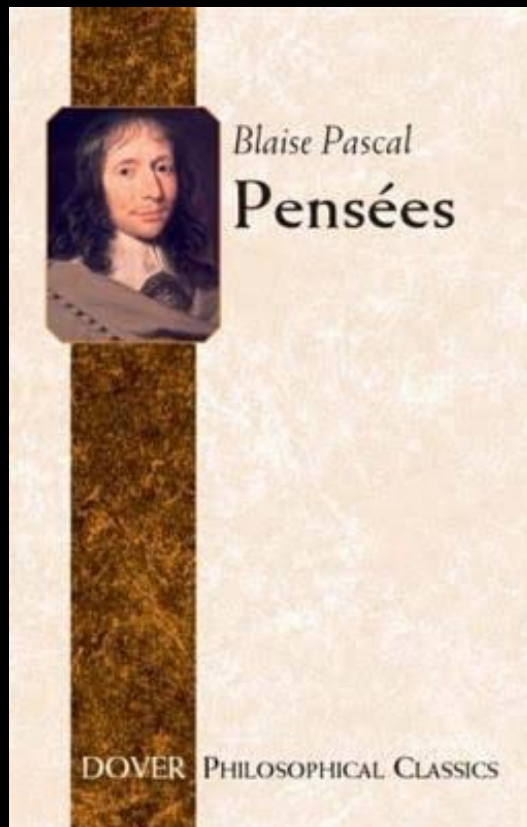
Did not believe in
ORIGINAL SIN until he
got into the **Gulag**.



Blaise Pascal



"Nothing jolts us more rudely than this doctrine, and yet, but for this mystery, the most incomprehensible of all, we remain incomprehensible to ourselves."



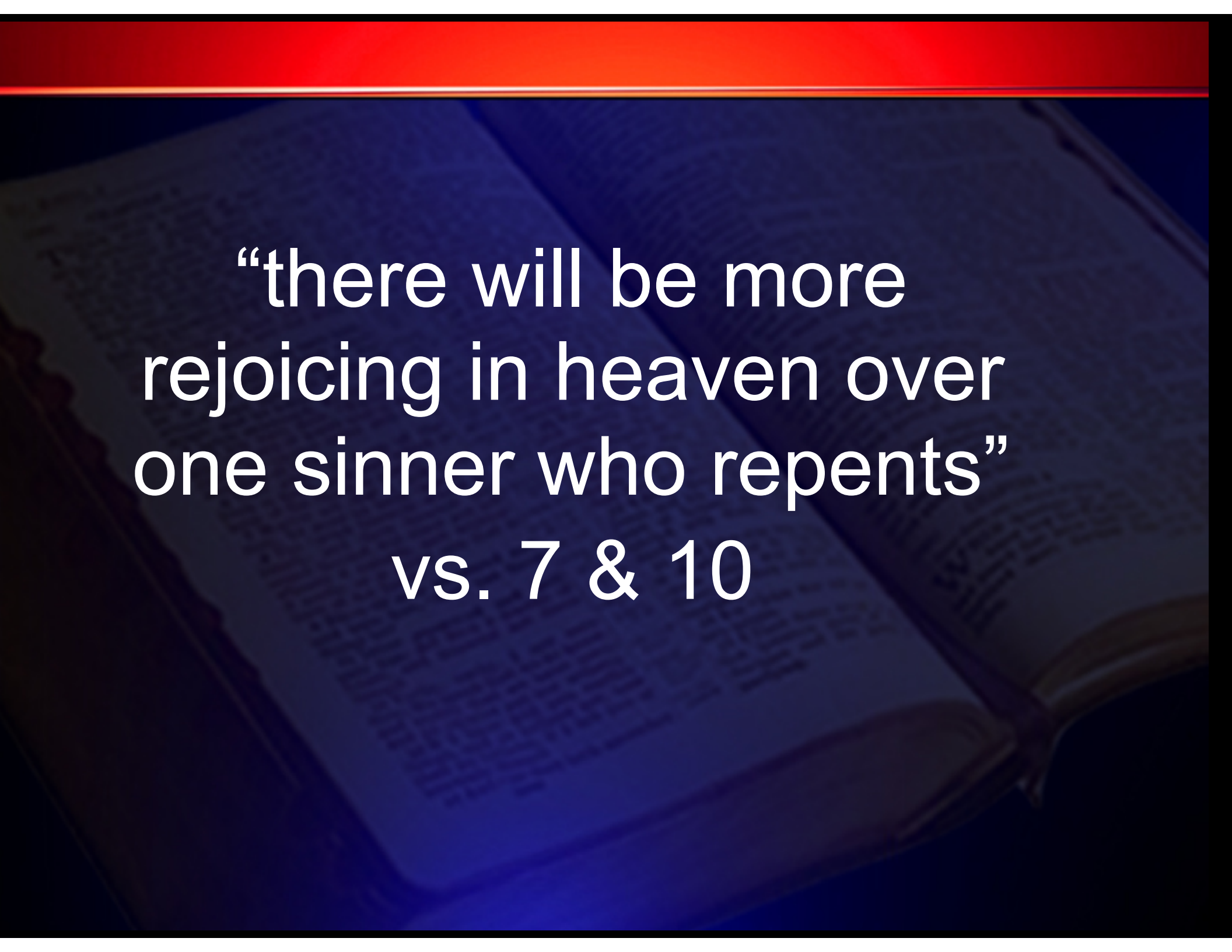
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‘Rejoice with me; I have
found my lost sheep.’ vs. 6



“Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.” vs. 9



“there will be more
rejoicing in heaven over
one sinner who repents”
vs. 7 & 10

“One dictionary definition says,

“A community is a group of individuals who’ve been bonded into a body through an intense common experience.”

“You were dead in your trespasses and sins, and you’ve been made *alive* in Jesus Christ. For it’s by grace you’ve been saved and that not of yourselves. It’s a gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

Ephesians 2

“We’re all like living stones that are being fitted together to build a beautiful temple in which God’s Spirit will dwell.” Ephesians 2

“But we are citizens of heaven,
where the Lord Jesus Christ lives.
And we are eagerly waiting for him
to return as our Savior.

Philippians 3:20

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. 12 A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don’t belong to him and he isn’t their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. 13 The hired hand runs away because he’s working only for the money and doesn’t really care about the sheep. 14 “I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, 15 just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep.

John 10:11-15

And they sang a new song with these words: “You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

Revelation 5:9

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

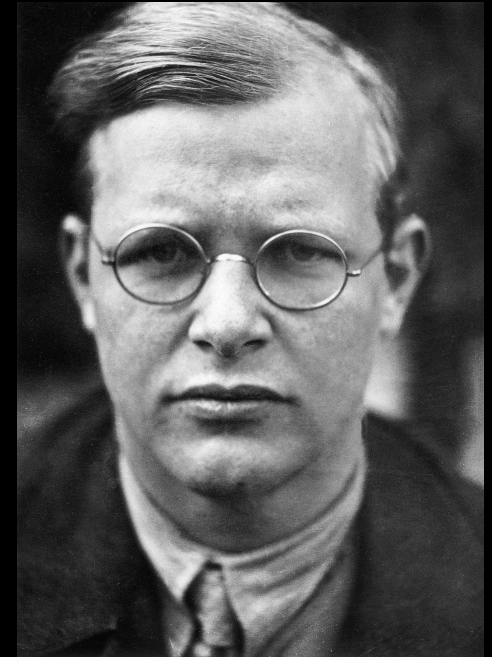


“Every other community is based on performance and living up to certain things; therefore, you’re never allowed to be a sinner; you’re never allowed to admit failure.”

James 5:16

“Confess your faults to one another
and heal each other.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



“Religiosity and morality permits no one to be a sinner. Everyone must conceal his sin from him or herself, and from others. But it’s the grace of the gospel which is so hard for the religious to understand. The grace of the gospel confronts us with the truth and says, ‘You are a sinner, you are a great desperate sinner.’

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



“Now come, as the sinner you are, to God, who loves you. He doesn’t want anything from you. He doesn’t want a sacrifice, a work; he wants you alone. This message is liberation through truth. The mask you have to wear before everyone else will do you no good before him or before your brothers and sisters.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



“Confess your sins to one another. Get the freedom of being sinners before one another. Confess your sins to each other, accept one another, and be healed.”

17 Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. 18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. 22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. 23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

1 Peter 1:17-23

