

**“Sinners Drawing Near to Hear Jesus”**  
**Luke 15:1-2**

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- Scribes

*Two very different responses to the message of grace*

**1. The Attraction of those who have *no* Righteousness** v. 1

**(1) Certain ones draw near!**

*“Then all the tax collectors and the sinners  
drew near to Him to hear Him.”*

- The tax collectors

- The sinners

**(2) Why these draw near**

-1- They knew themselves to be sinners!

-2- They perceived a message of grace – a disposition of mercy.

-3- They were coming to understand Jesus’ welcome of grace.

[God’s “welcome to sinners” in Christ]

- He rejoices at finding the sheep that has wandered, was lost, and in peril
- He searches diligently for that which was lost and is precious to Him
- He welcomes the prodigal home with kisses and celebration

**(2) Why these *will not* draw near**

-1- They were ignorant of the true state of their own hearts

- They think themselves “righteous” – purer than others
- They were ignorant of that which God’s Law requires

-2- They are offended at the very thing that draws the others – grace!

-3- They cannot hear Christ’s welcome of grace!

**2. The Complaint of the Self-righteous** v. 2

*“And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying,  
‘This Man receives sinners and eats with them.’ “*

**(1) Certain ones *will not* draw near – but remain at a distance!**

- Pharisees

**Further Application:**