

SUBJECT: God's Mercy

TEXT: Ephesians 2:4, 5. But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love with which He loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us (made us alive) together with Christ (by grace are ye saved).

SUMMARY: In times past we (all the saints) were dead in trespasses and sins, but God has made us alive. The instruments, according to Ephesians 2:4 – 8, which God used to transform us from death to life were: mercy, love, grace and His kindness.

GOD'S MERCY DEFINED

- The compassion and pity of God towards mankind
- The willingness of God to relieve fallen man of misery and the consequences of sin
- God attitude towards those in distress

MERCY – ONE OF GOD'S NAMES

2 Corinthians 1:3. Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Mercies, and the God of all comfort.

THE SPRINGBOARD OF MERCY: GOODNESS

- Psalms 136:1. Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.
- Psalms 100:5. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth to all generations.
- Psalms 109:21. But do thou for me, O God the Lord, for thy name's sake; because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me.

THE EFFECT OF GOD'S MERCY: COMFORT

- Mark 10:47, 49. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David; have mercy on me ... And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they called the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort; rise, He calleth thee.
- 2 Corinthians 1:3, 4. Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Mercies, and the God of all comfort, who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them who are in any trouble, by the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted of God.

GOD'S MERCY IS EXTENDED TO:

- **All**
Psalm 145:9. The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.
- **The Earth**
Psalm 119:64. The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy; teach me thy statutes.
- **The Unsaved**
Luke 6:35, 36. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest; for He is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Be ye, therefore, merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

Luke 16:23 – 25. And in hell (hades) he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and thou are tormented.

God's mercy upon the unsaved is temporary; it is confined to this present life. Beyond the grave there is no mercy for sinners.

- **The Saved.**
Romans 9:23, 24. And that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had afore (before) prepared unto glory, Even us, whom He hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles.

1 Peter 1:3. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively (living) hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Psalm 23:6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PRAY TO GOD FOR MERCY

- *Psalm 41:4.* I said, Lord, be merciful unto me, heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee..
- *Psalm 57:1.* Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me; for my soul trusteth in thee. Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast (passed by).

GOD'S HABITATION: MERCY

- **The Old Testament**

Leviticus 16:2. And the Lord said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron, thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the veil before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark, that he die not; for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.

Psalms 5:7. But, as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy; and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

- **The New Testament**

Hebrews 4:16. Let us, therefore, come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

GOD PRAISED FOR HIS MERCY

- Psalms 89:1. I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.
- Romans 15:9–11. And that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the nations, and sing unto thy name. And again He saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with His people, And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud Him all ye peoples.

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