

## **The Wednesday Word, March 3, 2021: A Few Gospel Mercies Part 1**

***“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.” Romans 12:1***

### **What are these mercies?**

The mercies of God are wonderful truths related to the gospel! Would you like to enjoy victorious Christian living? It is found as a result of believing and applying the mercies of the gospel.

For the believer, true guilt free, victorious living can only be realized through continual exposure to the gospel and its truths.

There are no techniques or formulas for spiritual victory. True victorious living comes from beholding Christ alone.

Far from being merely for the unsaved, the gospel is the essential message for every believer (Romans 1:5). Alas, in this day and age of formulas and the quick fix, this truth is missing from many of our pulpits.

However, as the gospel is preached, applied and its mercies understood, God's people will begin to walk in the freedom and joy of their 'so great salvation'. So, today we want to briefly look at one of the many gospel mercies which flow out of the finished work of Jesus the Christ.

### **Gospel Mercy Number 1: Forgiveness**

The first gospel mercy we want to consider is total forgiveness for every sin. We read that, *"Through this man (Jesus) is preached unto you forgiveness of sins"* (Acts 13:38). Our forgiveness was bought and paid for at the cross (Ephesians 1:7).

God said it; that settles it; I believed it; that settled me!

Forgiveness is a mercy we take by sheer faith. No one ever saw God blotting out our sin, but we believe it has been done because God said so. As we learn to take God at His word, the vapours of guilt will disseminate and disappear!

### **"But I don't feel forgiven!"**

But wait a moment, we are not told to feel forgiven but rather we are told to believe we are forgiven because of Christ and Calvary.

Luther was asked if he felt like his sins were forgiven to which he replied, "No! But I'm sure that they are! Get thee behind me Satan!"

You may be the feeblest believer who ever walked the face of the earth, but if you have trusted Christ as your Saviour you have received the forgiveness Christ has obtained for you.

The Lord has put our sins behind His back (Isaiah 38:17) Furthermore,

*"As far as the East is from the West so far has He removed our transgressions from us."* (Psalm 103:12).

By the way, it's wonderful that our sins are forgiven, but even better to know they are forgotten; Hebrews 10:17 says,

*"And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more."*

If our sins and iniquities are forgotten by God, what are we doing digging them up and remembering them? Why are we dwelling on them and defining ourselves by them?

The wisdom of this world says, "Blessed is the man who is rich and powerful." But the wisdom of the Lord says,

*"Blessed is the man whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is covered; blessed is the man to whom the lord imputes not iniquity and in whose spirit is no guile."* (Psalm 32:1-2).

May the Lord help every believer to live in the light of forgiveness and remember the Lord has said, "I even I am He that blots out your transgressions for my own sake and will not remember your sins" (Isaiah 43:25).

And that's the Gospel Truth!