

## The Wednesday Word, September 20, 2023: Seven Gospel Mercies Part 1

For the believer, true guilt-free, victorious living can only be realized through continual exposure to the gospel and its benefits. There are no techniques or formulas for freedom. The true victorious life comes from beholding Christ alone. Far from being merely for the unsaved, the gospel is actually the essential message for every believer. 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 walk in the freedom and joy of their 'so great salvation.' Let's begin to look at seven gospel mercies which pour out of the finished work of Jesus the Christ.

### 1. Forgiveness.

The first gospel mercy we want to consider is that for the believer there is total forgiveness for every sin. The Scriptures say, '*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 has ever seen God blotting out their sin, but we believe it has been done because God said so. As we learn to take God at His word on this matter, guilt will flee! I'm reminded of the time when 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" (Psalms 103:12). 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 are forgotten by God what are we doing digging them up and remembering 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).

And that's the Gospel Truth!