

5. A GUARANTIED S_____ BY MERCY

Titus 3:5

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

A. Salvation Not By Works

B. Salvation By Mercy

C. Salvation By The Holy Spirit

1. Regeneration producing washing (cleansing)
2. Renewal producing newness

APPLICATION:

TEXT: Ephesians 2:4 TITLE: "God is Merciful!" (Series: Attributes of God)

The Greek word *eleos* (ἔλεος)= "mercy; kindness or good will toward the miserable and afflicted, joined with a desire to relieve them" (THAYER).

"God's mercy is his tenderhearted, loving compassion for his people. It is his tenderness of heart toward the needy. If grace contemplates man as sinful, guilty, and condemned, mercy sees hm as miserable and needy" (Millard J. Erickson, *Christian Theology*, p. 295).

"It may be defined as *the goodness or love of God shown to those who are in misery or distress, irrespective of their deserts*. In His mercy God reveals Himself as a compassionate God, who pities those who are in misery and is ever ready to relieve their distress" (Louis Berkhof, *Systematic Theology*, v. 2, p. 72).

"MERCY (the quality of showing compassion) One aspect of this mercy is God's withholding the penalty that people deserve for their sins (Eph. 2:4; I Tim. 1:12-13). He could show this mercy toward us who are saved because of Christ's atoning work on our behalf" (Floyd H. Barackman, *Practical Christian Theology*, p. 38).

➔ Blessings of God's Mercy:

1. A GRAND C_____ WITH MERCY

Galatians 6:15-18

¹⁵ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. ¹⁶ And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. ¹⁷ From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁸ Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

1 Timothy 1:1-2

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope, ² To Timothy, a true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Timothy 1:1-2

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, a beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Titus 1:1-4

Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, ² in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,

³ but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;

⁴ To Titus, a true son in *our* common faith: **Grace, mercy, and peace** from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

2 John 1:1-3

THE ELDER, To the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all those who have known the truth, ² because of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever: ³ **Grace, mercy, and peace** will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

Jude 1:1

Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ: ² **Mercy, peace, and love** be multiplied to you.

A. Mercy, Standing Alone, Is Powerful

B. Mercy, In Grand Company, Multiplies Its Power

2. A GREAT W_____ IN MERCY

Ephesians 2:4-7

⁴ But God, **who is rich in mercy**, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

A. God Possesses Mercy in Richness

B. God Has Love in Greatness!

C. God Has Grace in Kindness and Power—Life!

3. A GRACIOUS I_____ FOR MERCY

Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are, yet* without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, **that we may obtain mercy** and find grace to help in time of need.

A. We Must Hold Fast Our Confession

1. Jesus Our High Priest Passed through the Heavens

2. Jesus Sympathizes with Us

3. Jesus Understands every Temptation

B. We May Enter Boldly to the Throne of Grace

1. To Obtain Mercy

2. To Find Grace to Help

4. A GLORIOUS B_____ BY MERCY

1 Peter 1:3-5

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who **according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

A. By Mercy We Have New Birth

1. It is to a Living Hope

2. It is through the Resurrection of Christ

B. By Mercy We Have Inheritance in Heaven

1. It Does Not Fade

2. We Are Kept by His Power