

Magnificent Mercy

Mercy that Saves – Part 2

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“When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.” Titus 3:4-5 (NLT)

“Indeed, the Son of Man [Jesus] has come to seek and to save people who are lost.” Luke 19:10 (GW)

How we get lost:

1. Like the sheep, we get lost by nature.
2. Like the coin, we get lost by circumstances.
3. Like the son, we get lost by our own choices.

What do I lose when I am spiritually “lost”?

1. I lose my direction.
2. I lose my protection.
3. I lose my potential.
4. I lose my happiness.
5. I lose a home in heaven.

BUT I NEVER LOSE MY VALUE.

How does God’s mercy “save” me?

1. Salvation _____.

1 Timothy 2:5 (CEV) – “Christ Jesus is the only one who can bring us to God. Jesus became human, and he gave himself to rescue all of us.”

Psalms 50:15 (TLB) – “Trust me in your times of trouble, so I can rescue you and you can give me glory.”

2. Salvation _____.

Matthew 11:28 (MSG) – “Are you tired? Worn out? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life.”

Joel 2:25 (NKJV) – “I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten.”

Psalms 23:3 (NASB) – “He restores my soul and guides me in the paths of righteousness.”

Jeremiah 30:17 (GW) – “I’ll restore your health and heal your wounds,” declares the LORD.”

Zechariah 9:12 (VOICE) – “O hostages of hope. I announce today that I will restore to you twice as much as what was taken.”

Isaiah 46:13 (TLB) – “I am ready to save you, and I will restore Jerusalem and Israel, who is my glory.”

1 Peter 5:10 (GW) – “God, who shows you his kindness and who has called you through Christ Jesus to his eternal glory, will restore you, strengthen you, make you strong, and support you even if you suffer for a little while.”

3. Salvation _____.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (CEV) – “Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new. God has done it all! He sent Christ to make peace between himself and us.”

How does God's mercy “save” me?

1. Get fed up _____.

Luke 15:13-17 (MSG) – “Undisciplined and dissipated, he wasted everything he had... and he began to hurt... He was so hungry... That brought him to his senses.”

Jeremiah 29:13 (MSG) – “You’ll find me when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else.”

John 10:10 (MSG) – “I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.”

2. Own up to _____.

Luke 15:17-18 (CEV) – “Finally, he came to his senses. I will go to my father and say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against God in heaven and against you.’”

Isaiah 30:18 (GNT) – “The LORD is waiting to be merciful to you. He is ready to take pity on you because he always does what is right. Happy are those who put their trust in the LORD.”

3. Offer up _____.

Luke 15:12 (GW) – “Give me my share of the property...”

Luke 15:19 (GW) – “Make me one of your hired men...”

The Father's Response

Luke 15:20-24 (NLT) – “While he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. His father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’”

“Right now, God is ready to welcome you. Today he is ready to save you.” 2 Corinthians 6:2 (TLB)