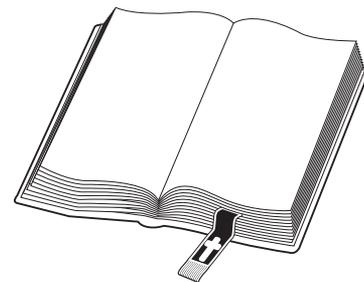


Undeserved Mercy from God



*“Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live;
for Your law is my delight.” Psalm 119:77*

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Beloved, are you constantly overwhelmed by the Lord’s tender mercies in your life? I know I am. According to the Bible, you and I are sinners, and Romans 6:23 tells us that the wages of sin is death. Instead of giving us the death that we deserve, Jesus gives us new life, forgiveness, tender mercy, and HIS AMAZING GRACE when we repent and trust Him as our Savior.

Psalm 103:8-12 reads, *“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.”* In the tests, trials, and temptations of life, I need to be reading God’s Word daily. It constantly reminds me that the Lord is on my side in life’s battles. Having died on the cross for me when I was a sinner, I know He will not desert me now!

Lamentations 3:22-23 reads, *“Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.”* This promise has strengthened me through more tests and trials than I can count.

As a young believer, I was trying to get free from the bondage of gluttonous eating habits and bulimia. Often falling in temptation, I clung to God’s

promises from His Word. Isaiah 55:6-7 reads, *“Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.”*

As I applied this scripture, the Lord was faithful to set me free. Beloved, what is your addiction? Anger, bitterness, unforgiveness, cigarettes, alcohol, drugs, materialism, sexual sin, pornography, adultery, your computer, food, etc.? No matter how long you have been addicted or how many times you have tried to get free and failed, do not give up. You will never get free on your own strength. You need the strength of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. However, as you stop making provision for your flesh and cry out to the Lord for help, He will be as faithful to you as He has been to me.

It starts by surrendering your life to Christ, acknowledging you are a sinner, and asking Him to be your Savior. You have never failed until you quit. Can I say that again? No matter how many times you have tried to start again and you have failed, you have never failed until you quit, so I want to encourage you to turn to Christ. He will give you the strength and grace to get totally set free.

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All scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.

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