



His Mercies Are New Each Morning!

“Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

1 Peter 2:10

Glory to God! Where would we be without His mercy? Thank God we are His people, and we have received mercy! What is mercy? **Psalm 103:10-13** says it pretty well:



“He does not treat us as our sin deserves or repay us according to our iniquities.”

Mercy is when God doesn't give us the punishment that we deserve for our sins. Awesome.

With Easter right around the corner, I have been thinking about what Jesus did for us. He lived a sinless, blameless, pure life and stepped in and took punishment for us by suffering and then dying in our place. He broke sin's power over us and even went to Hell for us. He stripped all power from Satan and his kingdom. But he didn't stay in the grave! He rose again victorious over death, hell and the grave! All authority and power was given to Jesus, and then he handed that authority over to us. He also took care of sickness, poverty, lack, oppression, depression and anything that the devil can throw your way. (So if the enemy is exercising any power over us, it's

because we let him!)

Under the Old Covenant, God established a place called “The Mercy Seat.” It was set above the Ark of the Covenant, where the presence of God dwelt in the tabernacle. This is where the blood of sacrificed animals was sprinkled to atone for the sins of the children of Israel. The blood was sprinkled once a year on the Day of Atonement and sins were covered for one whole year.

The root word for Mercy Seat or “atonement cover” is a Hebrew word, (kaphar) which means to cover, to cleanse, to reconcile or forgive. People’s sins were covered over and forgiven. But then Jesus came and shed His precious blood that cleanses us once and for all! Our sins are no longer just covered but they are wiped away forever! The Bible says they are thrown as far as the East is from the West and God doesn’t even remember them anymore. Hallelujah! A priest doesn’t have to visit the Mercy Seat for us and sprinkle the blood of bulls and goats once a year. We ourselves can go straight through to the very Throne of Grace! We can enjoy His mercies that are new every single morning.

Hebrews 4:15-16 says, “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way; just like we are - yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

Many Christians live day to day under a heavy blanket of guilt and condemnation because they have fallen or missed it in an area. I have good news! The blood perpetually cleanses you and me! Simply confess your sins and turn away from them and we are back in right standing with God. Is it really that easy? Yes it is! You don’t have to do penance or walk on broken glass or hot coals for a week until you are forgiven! The moment you come to the Father and confess, you are as perfectly clean and forgiven as when you were first born again! Isn’t God so good? He is full of *love* and *mercy*! His mercy endures forever!

Don’t let the lies of the enemy convince you that you are damaged goods or that God can’t use you anymore because of past sin and mistakes. You are his child, we are His people, and nothing can take that away from us. We can thank God for the mercy seat and then run on to the throne of grace! You are accepted there and are never, ever turned away! Boldly bring your needs to

His throne and bask in his presence and let the power of God touch you and let the peace of God fill your heart.

1 John 2:1: “My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but for the whole world.”

1John 1:9: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”