HOW DEEP IS THE MERCY OF GOD

Ps 103:17-18 "But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

Jude 17-22

But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference:

LUKE 6:37

37 JUDGE NOT, AND YE SHALL NOT BE
JUDGED: CONDEMN NOT, AND YE SHALL NOT BE
CONDEMNED: FORGIVE, AND YE SHALL BE
FORGIVEN:

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"BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL," JESUS SAID, "FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY." (MATTHEW 5:7)

MATT 12:31-32

31. WHEREFORE I SAY UNTO YOU, ALL MANNER OF SIN AND BLASPHEMY SHALL BE FORGIVEN UNTO MEN: BUT THE BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE HOLY GHOST SHALL NOT BE FORGIVEN UNTO MEN.

31. AND WHOSOEVER SPEAKETH A WORD AGAINST THE SON OF MAN, IT SHALL BE FORGIVEN HIM: BUT WHOSOEVER SPEAKETH AGAINST THE HOLY GHOST, IT SHALL NOT BE FORGIVEN HIM, NEITHER IN THIS WORLD, NEITHER IN THE WORLD TO COME.

1. JOHN 2:1-2

1 MY LITTLE CHILDREN, THESE THINGS WRITE I UNTO YOU, THAT YE SIN NOT. AND IF ANY MAN SIN, WE HAVE AN ADVOCATE WITH THE FATHER, JESUS CHRIST THE RIGHTEOUS:

2 AND HE IS THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS: AND NOT FOR OURS ONLY, BUT ALSO FOR THE SINS OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

1 JOHN 2:1-6

I WRITE THIS, DEAR CHILDREN, TO GUIDE YOU OUT OF SIN. BUT IF ANYONE DOES SIN, WE HAVE A PRIEST-FRIEND IN THE PRESENCE OF THE FATHER: JESUS CHRIST, RIGHTEOUS JESUS.

WHEN HE SERVED AS A SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS, HE SOLVED THE SIN PROBLEM FOR GOOD — NOT ONLY OURS, BUT THE WHOLE WORLD'S.

3. HERE'S HOW WE CAN BE SURE THAT WE KNOW GOD IN THE RIGHT WAY: KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS.

- 3. IF SOMEONE CLAIMS, "I KNOW HIM WELL!" BUT DOESN'T KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, HE'S OBVIOUSLY A LIAR.
 HIS LIFE DOESN'T MATCH HIS WORDS.
- 4. BUT THE ONE WHO KEEPS GOD'S WORD IS THE PERSON IN WHOM WE SEE GOD'S MATURE LOVE. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO BE SURE WE'RE IN GOD.
 - 5. ANYONE WHO CLAIMS TO BE INTIMATE WITH GOD OUGHT TO LIVE THE SAME KIND OF LIFE JESUS LIVED.

WHEN WE SIN, WE WILL BE CONVICTED FIRST.

- TRIED SECOND
- TESTED THIRD
- AND PUNISHED 4TH IF WE HAVEN'T LEARNED YET AND THE TEST WILL BECOME MORE INTENSE UNTIL WE GET OVER IT OR IT DESTROYS US!

OR, IF WE REPENT AND QUIT THOSE SINS

- WE ARE BLESSED,
 - FEEL BETTER,
- AND WE GET REWARDED.

YOUR SHAWE IS NOT STRONGER THAN GOD'S VERCY!

- THE WHISPERS AS SHE PASSED BY.
 - THE GLANCES.
 - THE ISOLATION.

THE SLOW CORROSION OF HER SELF-WORTH EVERY TIME ANOTHER RELATIONSHIP FAILED.

HE SCHEDULED A DIVINE APPOINTMENT AT HER LOWEST PLACE.

- HE DIDN'T FLINCH.
- HE DIDN'T WALK AWAY.
 - HE DIDN'T SCOLD.

HE STAYED. HE SPOKE. HE REVEALED. HE REDEEMED.

HER SHAME DIDN'T STOP HIM. HER SIN DIDN'T SCARE HIM. HER BAGGAGE DIDN'T BREAK THE APPOINTMENT.

WHY?

BECAUSE MERCY WAS ON A MISSION.

THAT'S THE POWER OF MERCY. IT DOESN'T JUST CLEAN UP YOUR PAST—IT REPURPOSES IT.

• HER BROKEN STORY BECAME THE PLATFORM FOR BREAKTHROUGH IN HER CITY.

• HER SIN DIDN'T CANCEL HER CALLING—GOD'S MERCY COMMISSIONED HER.

: YOUR SHAME IS NOT STRONGER THAN GOD'S MERCY

• YOU ARE NOT DISQUALIFIED.

• YOU ARE NOT DISCARDED.

• YOU ARE NOT DEFINED BY YOUR FAILURES.

- IF YOU'VE BEEN RUNNING—STOP.
- IF YOU'VE BEEN HIDING-COME HOME.
- MERCY IS REACHING FOR YOU RIGHT NOW.

 BECAUSE THE MERCY OF GOD IS DEEPER THAN
 YOUR HISTORY, WIDER THAN YOUR
 WEAKNESS, AND STRONGER THAN YOUR SIN.

THE ONLY THING DEEPER THAN YOUR NEED...
IS HIS MERCY.