

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEB 7, 2016

SICK LIST:

HEALTHCARE CENTERS:

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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "NOT DESERVED BUT DESPERATELY NEEDED"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "JESUS, THE SUPERIOR HIGH PRIEST"

REMEMBER TO GIVE THE ELDERS YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE INSTALLATION OF A POWERPOINT SYSTEM IN THE AUDITORIUM

BIRTHDAYS:

Feb 10: Jenna Wright

ANNIVERSARY:

Feb 13: Vercie & Pete Griffin

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

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NOT DESERVED BUT DESPERATELY NEEDED
(1 Timothy 1:12-16)

I. The _____ of mercy.

A. The English word is defined like this: “_____ or kindly forbearance shown toward an offender, an enemy, or other person in one's power; compassion, pity, or benevolence”.

1. Notice that these traits are _____ to someone in your power.

2. In other words, you have the _____ to do something else towards them but you, instead, extend compassion or forbearance.

B. One of the Greek words translated mercy means: “kindness or good will towards the miserable and the afflicted, joined with a _____ to help them”.

C. It is the giving of what a person needs, not what the person _____.

D. God is described as the “_____ of mercies” (2 Corinthians 1:3).

E. He is also described as being _____ in mercy (Ephesians 2:4).

F. God _____ in showing mercy to us and always has.

II. The _____ of mercy.

A. Mercy moves God to offer _____.

1. Psalm 119:41.

2. Acts 13:34 - the word “mercies” means “_____ from sin, free from wickedness”.

B. Mercy allows God and man to come _____.

C. Mercy allows us to have _____ (1 Peter 1:3).

D. Mercy allows us to be _____ (Titus 3:5).

III. Mercy accepted carries a _____.

A. If you and I accept the mercy given by God, there is something expected of us (_____ 6:36).

B. In fact, you and I will not receive mercy from God if we fail to be merciful to _____ (Matthew 5:7).

C. How do we do that?

1. Not being in a rush to _____ is one way of showing mercy.

2. _____ with love for the benefit, not destruction, of someone.

3. Having _____ for the grieving and hurting.

D. Imagine if God looked at us the way we look at _____?

E. Receiving mercy and being merciful will cause us to _____ others about the mercy we have received.

1. We ought to be _____ because of the mercy of God.

2. We've _____ it and should want others to as well.

We Can Be Forgiven Clay Bond

It is exciting that we can know that there is forgiveness with God. David asks an interesting question in Psalm 130:3, "If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?" The one writer rephrased it this way, "If God should look with a scrutinizing eye so as to see all He could see with regard to our iniquities, and suffer none to escape but deal with us exactly as we are there would be no hope of salvation." Truly, this is the case because all have sinned and have fallen short of His glory (Romans 3:23). If God should "mark", that is to say if God remembered everything that we have ever done wrong and demanded accountability rather than offering forgiveness, who would be able to stand, who would be able to approach God? The answer is quite obvious, NO ONE!

Sometimes we look at our lives and see that we have done some pretty horrible things. We have caused hurt and pain to others and we have failed in so many ways that we begin to question, "Will God really forgive that?" The answer is yes. God will forgive even that sin, whatever it is, that haunts you. We know this because He has promised it to us in His Holy Word.

Thank God that David did not stop at verse three! No, David continues to write, rejoicing that there is forgiveness with God, "but there is forgiveness with thee" (Psalms 130:4). The Scriptures are very clear that God has no desire for anybody to be lost (2 Peter 3:9). One person lost is one too many in the eyes of God. What God desires is for every person to come to the knowledge of the truth that will set them free from the bondage of sin (1 Timothy 2:3-4). The wrath of God will be revealed against sin when Christ comes again in judgment (Romans 1:18), but according to the Bible, "God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:9). God wants, more than anything, for us to be saved from our sins so we can live for Him here and now and live with Him hereafter. Consider one more passage where King David, a man who committed adultery and murder wrote, "For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee" (Psalm 86:5).

God has provided us a wonderful means of forgiveness in Jesus Christ. When we meet God's terms of pardon, which can be found in His Word, He promises that He will forgive us. To be forgiven, to receive God's pardon you must first hear the wonderful news that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Romans 10:17), you must believe the message that Jesus died for your sins, was buried and rose again the third day (Mark 16:15-16, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4). You must also be willing to repent of your sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30), confess with your mouth that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Romans 10:10; Acts 8:37) and be baptized into Christ where all spiritual blessings, including forgiveness, are found (Galatians 3:27 & Ephesians 1:3). These terms offer each one of us the opportunity to be forgiven of sin and to be added by the Lord to His church which is His family (Acts 2:38 -47).

Will God really forgive you? Yes! No matter what you have done, you can be forgiven by being baptized into Christ, calling upon the only name whereby we can be saved (Acts 4:12 & 22:16). God's promise to you is this, "I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more" (Hebrews 8:12). Are you optimistic about God's forgiveness?