

God's mercy

It's said that at times, we can't see the trees because of the wood! That's how GOD'S mercy has been to me through many years of my life. And how could I acknowledge that mercy when I was constantly conflicted with serving two masters? It is only when I came to accept God's gift to me that I was able to understand my complete and utter unworthiness to any entitlement to his mercy. Yet God's grace, wisdom, love, understanding and desire for all to be saved, reconciled and most importantly, to be forgiven...gave me a door that could separate me from my sins, from my past, from the lures and lusts of this world, from my own selfish and greedy desires and he gave me a hope. A hope which in turn would lead to a certainty! Salvation through our Lord and Saviour, through his death and resurrection, through every drop of blood spilt so I could kneel before God, open my heart to him who already knows about me, accept Christ as my Saviour and turn 180 degrees, rejecting Satan and instead embracing God as my only master and most merciful Father!

It is then I am changed, that the Holy Spirit touched me that the chains and shackles of my heart fell away and I am made anew in God's sight.

So no I have no fear of this world and the day to day challenges. I ask myself in all my actions "Would God be proud of what I'm doing, thinking?" and the answer is instant, so rather than becoming more embroiled and wrapped up in negativity, in deceit, in sin...I find myself at peace, I hear my father saying "my son, I'm pleased with you". I have a future that promises when I keep my word, God will keep his and like that stone dropped in the pool, the ripples of faith, hope and love, given by God's mercy will not only affect and touch my life but also all those around me, will see and then hopefully find for themselves, if they haven't already. That being lost and blind doesn't (*sentence missing*) it can instead be an invitation to a truth and a new life, full of grace, full of love and overflowing with mercy and for that I thank God, I love God and I dedicate the rest of my time on this earth to him.

Thank you Father, thank you Lord Jesus and may the Holy Spirit fill all who humbly accept, embrace and share in the mercy of your love. And may you continue to bless me on my journey. Amen

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Postscript: Psalm 66 v10 -12

For you oh God tested us, you refined us like silver. You brought us into prison, you laid burdens on our backs. You let men ride over our heads, we went through fire and water but you brought us to a place of abundance.

Please do not ever underestimate the works that are being completed in this place and your own important role that you are playing.