

## **I. Mercy is Receiving Less Than What Our Sins Deserve**

1. The Bible is its own best dictionary ([Ps. 103:8-18](#); [Ezr. 9:13](#); [Lam. 3:22](#)).
2. Sin deserves death and eternal death at that ([Rm. 6:23](#)).
3. God allowing us to **not** receive the penalty of sin the moment we sin is a manifestation of His mercy.
  - a. Mercy rejoices over judgment ([Jm. 2:13](#)).

## **II. Mercy Enables Deliverance From an Otherwise Dire Situation**

1. Consider Lot and his family ([Gen. 19:12-17](#)).
  - a. Sodom and Gomorrah were utterly destroyed ([Gen. 19:24-25](#), [27-28](#)).
  - b. Lot was delivered ([2 Pt. 2:6-7](#)).
2. Consider Daniel and his companions ([Dan. 2:12-19](#), [24ff](#)).
  - a. The wise men were to all be killed ([Dan. 2:12-13](#)).
  - b. Daniel and his companions were delivered ([Dan. 2:48-49](#)).
3. Consider the woman with a demon possessed daughter ([Mt. 15:22-28](#)).
  - a. Her daughter was delivered from the demon ([Mt. 15:28](#)).

## **III. Mercy is Part of What Saves Us From the Wrath of God**

1. It is part because there are many things which enable our salvation ([Tt. 3:5-7](#)).
  - a. In [Titus 3:5](#) we discover that God's mercy works together with our obedience to His will.
  - b. This is how it has always worked with God ([Ex. 20:3-6](#); [Lk. 1:50](#); cf. [Ecc. 12:13](#); [Ps. 103:17-18](#)).
2. ([Tt. 3:5](#)) "the washing of generation" is a reference to baptism ([Jn. 3:5](#); [1 Cor. 12:13](#); [Eph. 5:25-27](#)).
  - a. Man was generated (created), became degenerated (due to sin), and must become regenerated (via gospel obedience).
  - b. If one does not submit to the washing of regeneration, they will not be able to have God's mercy on the day of judgment and thus will not be saved!
3. ([Tt. 3:5](#)) "renewing of the Holy Spirit" is a reference to the Spirit's teachings ([Jn. 3:5](#); [1 Cor. 12:13](#); [Eph. 5:25-27](#)).

- a. The Scriptures are inspired by the Holy Spirit ([1 Cor. 2:10-13](#); [Eph. 3:1-5](#); [2 Pt. 1:20-21](#)).
- b. Without the Spirit's teaching we would not know what to do in order to have God's mercy.
4. We need the blood of Christ for salvation ([Tt. 3:6](#)).
  - a. he shed (*ekcheo* G1632 verb) cause to fully experience, pour out (BDAG 312).
  - b. Christ shed His blood for the remission of sins ([Mt. 26:28](#)).
  - c. The blood of Christ is essential for salvation ([Rev. 1:5](#), [7:14](#)).
  - d. Out of the side of Jesus' body flowed blood and water ([Jn. 19:33-35](#)).
    - i. We contact both in the waters of baptism ([Rm. 6:1-4](#)).
5. We need God's grace for salvation ([Tt. 3:7](#)).
  - a. Paul already dealt with the fact that grace saves through discipline ([Tt. 2:11-14](#)).
  - b. In other words, God's grace is not a passive thing for us but we must actively discipline ourselves ([Tt. 2:12](#)).