

A large white tent is set up against a clear blue sky with a few wispy white clouds. The tent's peak is visible on the left side, and its edges are secured with ropes and stakes. The bottom of the tent has a scalloped edge.

March 2, 2025

Our Inheritance

Scripture

- 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead
- 4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.
- 5 You are being guarded by God's power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.
- 6 You rejoice in this, even though now for a short time, if necessary, you suffer grief in various trials
- 7 so that the proven character of your faith—more valuable than gold which, though perishable, is refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; though not seeing him now, you believe in him, and you rejoice with inexpressible and glorious joy,
- 9 because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.
- 10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who prophesied about the grace that would come to you, searched and carefully investigated.
- 11 They inquired into what time or what circumstances the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating when he testified in advance to the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.
- 12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you. These things have now been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—angels long to catch a glimpse of these things.



1 Peter 1:3-12 CSB

Additional Resources

*Explore the Bible: 1, 2 Peter & Jude; Spring 2025; Biblegateway.com; preceptaustin.org;
Biblehub.com/commentaries; *The New American Commentary, 1 & 2 Peter, Jude*, Thomas R. Schreiner;
The New American Commentary, Mark, James A. Brooks*

Connect Church Notes

Date

Speaker

Key Verses

Key Points

Questions/Reflections



God's Word - Devoted to Him

MERCY OVER WRATH

*In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

1 Peter 1:3

Throughout History, God has been motivated by His great mercy toward His people. There is not a single person who hasn't fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). While our unholiness ought to prevent us from being in His holy presence, God, abounding in love, refuses to allow that judgement to all on us, and instead sent His Son to bear what we deserve.

God's mercy doesn't eliminate your need to change; rather, it holds back the consequences you deserve. In other words, just because God is merciful doesn't mean He is okay with your sin. But it's critical to be clear on this: your obedience will never save you. Only the resurrected Christ will. Your obedience is a response to God's mercy, not a means to earning it.

Rejoice over this truth: though you deserve the very worst, through God's mercy, you have been given the very best. You are made new and continually being sanctified by the God of the universe. Praise Him for what only He can do!

From: Grace and Glory



God saves, people stray, and so God's mercy cycle goes on and on throughout all time..
He is still working out His plan, and He has an amazing habit of always showing up
for His people and offering redemption in the midst of failures.
God is not absent in your story; He is at the helm of it. He delights to offer mercy...

Louie Giglio

DAILY BIBLE STUDY

SCRIPTURE - Read the passage of the day

OBSERVATION - Write the point of the passage

APPLICATION - Ask yourself how this Scripture applies to your life

PRAYER - Ask God to help you use this Scripture

Our Mandate

Main Passage for March 9 – 1 Peter 1:13-25 CSB

Monday - 1 Peter 1:13-16

Wednesday - 1 Peter 1:18-19

Friday - 1 Peter 1:22-23

Tuesday – 1 Peter 1:17

Thursday - 1 Peter 1:20-21

Saturday - 1 Peter 1:24-25

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 1:15-16

*But as the one who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct;
for it is written, **Be holy, because I am holy.***

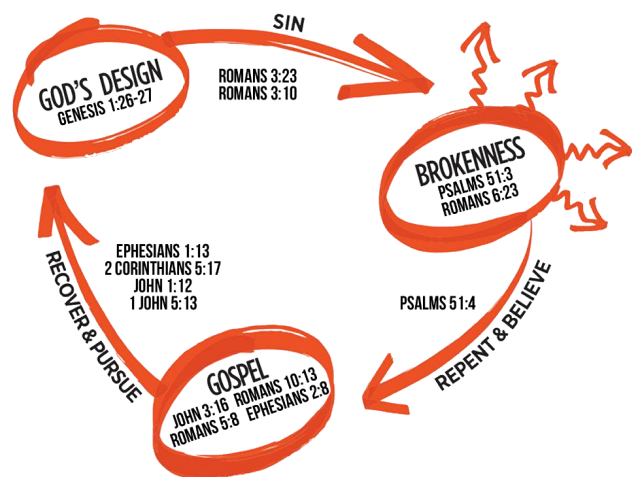
Mission Statement

Glorifying God by connecting people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

Connect Church Prayer Request

UNLESS THERE IS AN
EXPECTANCY,
FAITH IS NOT FULLY
IN EXERCISE.

A. W. PINK





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More Heart Surgery

You shall supply him liberally from your flock, from your threshing floor, and from your winepress. From what the LORD has blessed you with, you shall give to him. (Deuteronomy 15:14, emphasis added)

We may not have threshing floors or winepresses nowadays, but we are still called to give liberally from that which God has blessed us. We are not to be stingy in our giving; we are to be generous. That's why we must cultivate a liberal heart.

This goes against the grain of our fallen natures, but it is perfectly consistent with the new natures we received when we gave our lives to Jesus. Often I say, "I was born selfish, but I was born again generous."

The key to walking in the new nature, rather than the old one, is simply a matter of renewing the mind. "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Rom. 12:2). Mind renewal brings transformation.

My new nature—the spirit man inside of me—wants to be generous, but I must learn to renew my mind in this area. I must come to trust that God will take care of me if I'm a generous giver.

My old nature used to try to figure out how I could manipulate circumstances in my favor. Of course, that's the attitude of a taker, not a giver. Selfishness tries to manipulate God or "make deals" with Him where giving is concerned. But a liberal-hearted person gives quickly and generously because he knows it all belongs to God, and he trusts in God to take care of him and bless him.

To no credit of my own, this is a work God has done in my heart. And I am writing this book to testify to you that it works. God is faithful.

Some time ago, Debbie was talking with a pastor and his wife who were staying in our home. They could clearly see that we were living the blessed life, so the pastor asked my wife, "Why do you think God has blessed you so much?"

Debbie thought about it a moment and answered, "I think it has to do with Robert's heart. When Robert got saved, God so changed his heart that he would give away everything we owned if he sensed God telling Him to do it. As a matter of fact, he's done it several times because he loves God and he loves people. The Lord has given him a heart that wants to give generously to God's people and to God's work."

I can't begin to tell you how much joy giving has brought to our lives. Being givers in God's kingdom is the most fun we have ever had. It resulted in a more exciting life than we could ever have imagined.

To be continued... From The Blessed Life

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*God Wants Us To Be A
Channel Of Blessings To Others*

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VBS Registration Opens
March 2nd

Awana - Beards & Mustache Night
March 5th

'Spring Forward' - Set Your Clocks
March 9th

Awana - Island Night
March 12th

Growing in Grace
March 15th

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1,2 Peter & Jude

Explore the Bible Spring 2025

**Are you Ready for Sunday's Message?
Don't Miss Out - Be Prepared!**



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Explore the Bible

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BEARDS & MUSTACHE

NIGHT

MARCH 5TH - 6:30

Awana
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LOOKING COOL UNDER
ALL THAT WOOL!





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Spring Ahead One Hour March 9th



CONNECT
KIDS



Vacation Bible School

SAVE the DATE

June 23rd - 27th

Discover The Bigness Of God
In The Smallest Of Things

Registration Opens

March 3, 2025



House of The Lord

We worship the God who was, We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors, He parted the raging sea
My God, He holds the victory, yeah

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise
(Oh-oh, oh) we shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals, We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross,
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

(Cause) We were the beggars, now we're royalty
We were the prisoners, now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

There's joy in the house, oh, yeah
There is joy, there is joy! And we won't be quiet
We're gonna shout out Your praise!

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
We're gonna shout out Your praise!
There is joy, there is joy surely in this place
We won't be quiet, we shout Your praise!

We shout out Your praise,
There is joy in this house
There is joy in this house today!
We shout out Your praise! We shout out Your praise!



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You've Already Won

There's peace that outlasts darkness,
Hope that's in the blood
There's future grace that's mine today
That Jesus Christ has won

So I can face tomorrow
For tomorrow's in Your hands
All I need, You will provide,
Just like You always have

I'm fighting a battle You've already won
No matter what comes my way, I will overcome
Don't know what You're doing, but I know what You've done
I'm fighting a battle You've already won

There's mercy in the waiting, manna for today
And when it's gone, I know You're not,
You are my hope and stay

When the sea is raging, Your Spirit is my help
He'll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ,
I'll say that it is well, Oh, I know that it is well

I know how the story ends
We will be with You again
You're my Savior; my defense
No fear in life or death

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We will be with You again
You're my Savior; my defense
No fear in life or death

I know how this story ends

I'm fighting a battle You've already won
No matter what comes my way, I will overcome
Don't know what You're doing, but I know what You've done
I'm fighting a battle You've already won
I'm fighting a battle You've already won



Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)



Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I am found
Was blind but now I see

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine



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Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven,
And spoke your name into the night
Then through the darkness your loving kindness,
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my Living Hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of Ages stepped down from Glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm yours forever
Jesus Christ my Living Hope

(2x) Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain there's salvation in your Name
Jesus Christ my Living Hope

(2x) Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain there's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ my Living Hope
Jesus Christ my Living Hope
God you are my Living Hope



I Thank God

Wondering into the night wanting a place to hide
This weary soul this bag of bones
I try with all of my might but I just can't win the fight
I'm slowly drifting a vagabond

And just when I ran out of the road
I met a man I didn't know
And He told me that I was not alone

You picked me up You turned me around
And placed my feet on solid ground
I thank the Master I thank the Savior
Because You healed my heart You changed my name
Forever free I'm not the same

I thank the Master I thank the Savior I thank God
I cannot deny what I've seen got no choice but to believe
My doubts are burn-in'
Like ashes in the wind
So so long to my old friends burden and bitterness
You can't just keep it moving
Nah you ain't welcome here

From now till I walk streets of gold
I'll sing of how you saved my soul
This wayward son has found his way back home
Hell lost another one I am free I am free I am free
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