

A MESSAGE OF MERCY

Part 1

Mercy—compassion shown toward offenders by a person or agency charged with administering justice; a disposition to be kind and forgiving; showing great kindness toward those who have committed an offense.

—“It is no part of Christ’s mission to compel men to receive Him. It is Satan, as well as men actuated by his spirit, who seeks to compel the conscience. Under a pretense of zeal for righteousness, men who are confederate with evil angels bring suffering upon their fellow men, in order to convert them to their ideas of religion; but Christ is ever showing mercy, ever seeking to win through the revealing of His love. He can admit no rival in the soul, nor accept of partial service; but He desires only voluntary service, the willing surrender of the heart under the constraint of love.” (The Desire of Ages, p. 487).

2Corinthians 5:14—For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

Ezekiel 18:4—Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine. The soul who sins will die.

Matthew 10:28—Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

1 Timothy 6:16—Who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

Genesis 3:22—And the LORD God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.”

Genesis 2:17—But from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.

Romans 5:18 —Then as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all men . . .

“God is Love.” —1 John 4:8

*All Scripture References are from the updated New American Standard Bible unless otherwise noted.

John 3:16—For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son . . .

NKJ / RSV Romans 5:18—Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in acquittal and life.

1 John 5:10-12—The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

John 5:19-21—Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes.

John 11:26—And everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

John 3:16—For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.