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"The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love!" Psalm 145:8

In our quiet moments of reflection, let us ponder **the boundless mercy of our Redeemer**, whose love knows no end. As God's redeemed people, we are the recipients of His unfathomable grace, poured out upon us despite our wickedness and unworthiness.

In the depths of our sinfulness and rebellion--God in His mercy chose to save us and make us His sons and daughters! Truly, His mercy reaches beyond our understanding, *cleansing* us from every stain of sin and *setting us free* from the chains of guilt and shame!



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Let us not take lightly the *magnitude* of our Redeemer's mercy towards us. It is a mercy that cost Him dearly--for it was through His sin-atonement sacrifice, that we have been redeemed. As we meditate on that wondrous cross, may we be overwhelmed by the depth of His love, and the extent of His mercy toward undeserving, ill-deserving, and Hell-deserving sinners such as we are.

In times of trial and temptation, let us cling to the promise of God's mercy. His mercy is our refuge and strength--a steadfast anchor in the storms of life!



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May we never cease to marvel at the mercy of our Redeemer. Let us give thanks for His unending love and faithfulness. And may we strive to walk in obedience to His will, knowing that His mercy will sustain us through all the storms and sorrows of life!

"May you have the power to understand, as all God's people should--how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is! May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully!" Ephesians 3:18-19



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See, I have taught you statutes and judgments just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do thus in the land where you are entering to possess it. So keep and do *them*, for that is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'

Deuteronomy 4:5-6



Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16



Do all things without grumbling or disputing; so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world.

Philippians 2:14-15



Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, *as though* seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

Colossians 4:5-6



Likewise urge the young men to be sensible; in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, *with* purity in doctrine, dignified, sound *in* speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

Titus 2:6-8



Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of visitation.

1 Peter 2:12





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Angry: vs. 8, 11		Protected: vs. 11
Suspicious: vs. 9		Exceeds Expectations: vs. 27
Dreads: vs. 15		Esteemed: vs. 7, 30
Murderous: vs. 11, 17, 21, 25		Was Loved: vs. 1, 3, 16, 20, 28



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