

We are a city built on Christ: The "mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of

Abel's blood cried out for vengeance. Jesus' blood cries out for mercy!

Understanding this covenant life we have in Christ changes everything.

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Since we brought nothing to the table of salvation,

We can only give what we have first received.

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3 "Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, According to the faithful mercies shown to David.

David's covenant with God had nothing to do with his behavior, or he would have lost it

David's love for God was most clearly seen by how his heart responded when he sinned against the Lord. 1 How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered!

2 How blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit!

3 When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away Through my groaning all day long.

4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer. Selah.

5 I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"; And You forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah.

6 Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to You in a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters they will not reach him.

7 You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah.

6 Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.

7 Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Make me to hear joy and gladness, Let the bones which You have broken rejoice.

9 <u>Hide Your face</u> from my sins And <u>blot out</u> all my iniquities.

10 <u>Create in me</u> a clean heart, O God, And <u>renew</u> a steadfast spirit within me.

11 Do not cast me away from Your presence And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit.

To be freely forgiven, we often must know how deeply we have been forgiven.

"He who has been forgiven much loves much:"

So, knowing how much we have been forgiven of increases our capacity to forgive others.

6 <u>Seek the LORD</u> while He may be found; <u>Call upon Him</u> while He is near.

7 Let the wicked forsake his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And let him return to the LORD, And He will have compassion on him, And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.

9 "For <u>as the heavens are higher</u> than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.

10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater;

11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.