

# Have Mercy 3

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**Titus 3:3-7** – <sup>3</sup> At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. <sup>4</sup> But when **the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared**, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but **because of his mercy**. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

### David's Sin and God's Mercy

- Bathsheba bathing and David's sin
- Bathsheba is pregnant
- Uriah the Hittite called home from war
  - Sleeps at entrance of the palace first night
  - David gets him drunk and he still won't go home
  - Sends the letter to Joab with Uriah
  - Put him unprotected in the battle
  - Uriah is killed
  - Abimelech is also killed in the maneuver
- Nathan confronts King David
  - Poor man with lamb as pet
  - David responds, "The man who has done this deserves to die"!
  - You are the man!

**Just because we haven't sinned in a manner equal to David's sin, we can think we aren't in need of the mercy of God.**

**Learn from David's response to mercy.**

**Psalm 51:1-10** - <sup>1</sup> **Have mercy on me**, O God, according to **your unfailing love**; according to your **great compassion blot out** my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> **Wash away** all my iniquity and **cleanse me** from my sin. <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. <sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. <sup>5</sup> Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. <sup>6</sup> Surely **you desire truth** in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. <sup>7</sup> **Cleanse**

**me** with hyssop, and I will **be clean; wash me**, and I will be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice (*restoration*). <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. <sup>10</sup> Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**Example:** Teaching our kids that they never have to feel shame about their failures, but teaching them that we will stand with them through any issue they ever face in life.

- While we may not be pleased with their choices, we will be an “ever-present help” in times of trouble.

**Psalm 46:1** - God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

**I Peter 1:3-4** – <sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! **In his great mercy** he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade-kept in heaven for you.

