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Thoughts from our Pastor:

Lord, Let Us Not Forget!

"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: (3) Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; (4) Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;" Psalms 103:2 - 4

There is nothing greater or more important in a believer's life than God's love, mercy, and grace. It is God's love for us that causes all His gracious benefits to be give, and we need to remember them. The word "benefits" means properly an act, work, doing, whether in a believer's life of a lost person's life. Believers sometimes forgets who is controlling our life, but it is God. The Psalmist prayer was that God does not allow us to forget the gracious benefits God has given us. "*O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:*" Sometimes believers get so entangled in this human life we forget that God is the one in control. As Christians we look at our earthly life and fail to think about our eternal life. Life on this earth is but a vapor, it appears for a little while and then it is gone. It is God that has appointed death, it is also God that has set our limits on this earth. "*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:*" Hebrews 9:27 Our life is what God has ordained, we live, move, and have our being by God's grace. "*For in him we live, and move, and have our being...*" Acts 17:28a Life is what God has ordained, although sometimes it is hard to understand, God is still in control. No matter what happens in this earthly life it is God that ordained it. God promised our demise and God chooses many ways for our life to end. Prayers goes up to God, just as the Psalmist often prayed, even at time he cried. But even with our most sincere prayers, even with broken hearts and tears in our eyes God's ordained will is always done. However, the Psalmist prayer here is dealing with our eternal life and not so much with our feeble earthly life. The Psalmist said, "*Who forgiveth all thine iniquities...*" We must remember that life here on this world is short, then we who are God's children go be with the Lord. Our sins have been forgiven; the Psalmist wrote "*who healeth all thy diseases...*" because He has forgiven our sins. These diseases are not such as we get on this earth to our clay houses but to our souls. God is the Great Physician, and He can heal anyone's human clay house, but He is also the Great Saviour and heals our spiritual illnesses which could cause eternal damnation. The Psalmist is writing about our spiritual life not our earthly life. Yes, God can and sometimes does heal our cancer or other human diseases if He chooses, but He has cured our greatest disease which killed our spirits,

which is sin. God has *"Who redeemeth thy life from destruction..."* God has redeemed our life from eternal damnation, from eternal ruin. God told us just as He told Israel, *"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin."* Ezekiel 18:30 Sin is our ruin, it delivers many diseases, many heart aches, and eventually death, it causes earthly ruin and eternal ruin. Sin causes hinderance to our worship of God, we cannot serve God and sin, one will cause us to disrespect the other. People who live in sin, who disobey the scriptures, who walk with the direction of this world, disrespect God. But through our earthly life, because of Jesus His Son's sacrifice, it is He *"who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;"* Oh, the love that caused God to send His own Dear Son, in the form of a man, in the likeness of sinful flesh, surrendering His life to be taken by sinful and wicked hands, because He loved us. That is called crowning us *"with lovingkindness and tender mercies;"* no matter our sufferings on this earth. *"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever."* Psalms 23:6 Folks, no matter what life brings your way, do not dwell on those things, even as hard as it may be, just concentrate on the Love, mercy, and grace God has given to all of us who believe in Jesus Christ. *"Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. (22) Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul."* Psalms 103:21 – 22

So many millions of nominal Christians!

By Arthur Pink

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in Heaven." Matthew 7:21

"Holding to the form of godliness but denying its power." 2 Timothy 3:5

Never have there been so many millions of nominal Christians as there are today, and never has there been such a small percentage of real believers. Never has Christendom been so crowded with those who have a form of godliness, but who are strangers to its transforming power. We seriously doubt whether there has ever been a time in the history of this Christian era when there were such multitudes of deceived souls within the churches, who truly believe that all is well with their souls, when in fact the wrath of God abides on them!

It is not that those empty professors who call themselves Christians are all conscious hypocrites, rather are they deceived souls; and the tragic thing is that in most churches there is nothing in the preaching which is at all calculated to un-deceive them; instead, there is only that which bolsters them up in their delusion!

There is a large class in Christendom today who are satisfied with a bare profession. They have heard some of the fundamentals of the Christian faith, and have given an intellectual assent thereto, and they mistake that for a saving knowledge of the Truth. Their minds are instructed—but their hearts are not reached, nor their lives transformed! They are still worldly in their affections and ways. There is . . .
no real subjection to God,
no holiness of walk,
no fruit to Christ's glory.

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." Matthew 7:13-14

Psalms 24:8

"Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle."