



Hello again from Quarantine! I pray you are doing well and you haven't lost your mind staying at home. I guess all of us are having our patience put to the test somewhat. I know many are growing weary, but hang in there! There is indeed light at the end of the tunnel.

"Mercy and truth are met together"..... I have to admit it's easy to take for granted the beauty of God. It would be easy to do a whole devotion or even a series of devotions on the mercy of God. The mercy He had on us while we were in sin. Or how about the mercy that He is having on the world right now that has openly mocked and scoffed Him. I am reminded often of the mercy that Jesus had right from the cross when He said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do...." Are we that merciful? I want to be. I can easily recognize that, it's an impossibility without the relationship. I can't possibly suffer and forgive, without a real change deep in my character. I don't believe any of us can.

Mercy and Truth are met together. Maybe the revelation of Truth could even be deemed as merciful. When I look at things in the light of where we are right now in our world. Think about it. Do you trust the news? If you are like me, you listen to it, but there are constant questions. I try and read between the lines. I rarely think we are given the complete story. It may be just as rare that we are even given slightest bit of real truth. Think about this. Do you trust our government. Isn't it sad that we have pretty much accepted that our politicians are going to lie to us. And it doesn't matter if you are a democrat, republican, or an independent..... they all do it. So when we think about Truth in the world, it has become a commodity that we rarely see.

God revealed Truth to us. I am not sure I can even properly convey into words what a gift that is. In the midst of all of the instability, the dishonesty, the unsure ground that standing in the world provides – God gave us TRUTH. He gave us a sound mind, He gave us Understanding. He gives us all of that along with discernment. We stand in the midst of darkness ..... and He surrounds us with light. He has opened our minds to understand things which even the angels desired to understand. I never want to get to a place in my walk that I forget where that came from. Understanding..... knowing TRUTH..... it didn't come from my intellect. The fact I am not living as deceived, is

something precious. Do you recognize the Mercy and TRUTH in your life? Do you recognize where it came from. Rejoice ..... give Praise to God!

I need to speak to someone right now, I don't know who you are. But you are filled with doubt, and you are unsettled with life. I want you to know right now, that God not only loves you, but is speaking to you right now, that you can have STABILITY. You can trust Him! Putting your feet upon the Solid Rock is more than just a cliché statement ..... it's a way of life. You don't have to keep sinking in the sandy ground of this life, you can stand firm with Christ. Jesus indeed died for you just like He did for me. He is where Mercy and Truth came together. It's in this moment of mercy God is reaching out to you. Will you listen? Will you respond?

If you know the Lord, reach out to someone today that doesn't. Let them know, we're not in an exclusive club, and that there is hope in Christ for them.

God we need you today – in Jesus name .... AMEN

God bless --- Pastor Paul

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Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Psa. 85:10

A just God and a Saviour. Isa. 45:21

The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable. Isa. 42:21

God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them. II Cor. 5:15

Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; to declare I say at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Rom. 3:25, 26

He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Isa. 53:5

Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Rom. 8:33