

# Make Church a Part of Your Life

## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

### "Grasping the Benefits of Having the Son"

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#### THE BENEFIT OF MERCY

Read from Scripture what the Ultimate Father did. "For God so loved the world, He gave His one and only Son, that whoever, believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) Those who receive the Father's gift, receive all the Father has. The Bible gives us this wonderful truth, "What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. He is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.' So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir." (Galatians 4:1-7)

Titus 3:5 says, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but

according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost, Whom He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior." "Mercy" (eleon) means "to feel compassion, pity, and show kindness." It draws oneself to want to care for someone who cannot help

themselves. It enables one to see a need and meet the need. God not only beheld our need for salvation, He enables us to receive His salvation found in Christ. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God not only sees our need for righteous living, He also enables to live a righteous life. Upon our

repentance, we receive His mercy freely at no cost to us. (The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible)

In Reader's Digest, Jim Williams of Butte, Montana, writes, "I was driving too fast one night when I saw the flashing lights of a police car in my rearview mirror. As I pulled over and rolled down the window of my station wagon, I tried to dream up an excuse for my speeding. But when the patrolman reached the car, he said nothing. Instead, he merely shined the flashlight in my face, then upon my seven-months-pregnant wife, then on our snoozing 18-month-old in his car seat, then our three other children, who were also asleep, and lastly on the two dogs in the very back of the car. Returning the beam back to my face, he then uttered the only words of the encounter. 'Son,' he said, 'you can't afford a ticket. Slow it down.'"

Sometimes, mercy triumphs over the law. According to the law of God, we all deserve God's judgment. However, in Christ Jesus we receive mercy and we are prompted by the Holy Spirit to live a life pleasing to God.

### Protecting the Roots



As the cool days of autumn approach, gardeners prepare to protect their plants from the frost and snow that can kill them so that when spring comes they can bloom again. They are covered with the leaves and mulch that God provides for their protection. The visible foliage will turn brown and shrivel but the roots will live and the foliage will grow and bloom again. Worship the Creator each week. With Him you will find the warmth and unconditional love that will protect your inner being as the cold truths of life assault you. Plan ahead, prepare before the "winter" comes. God will protect you.

#### Weekly Scripture Reading

Psalm 119.65-80	Psalm 119.81-96	Psalm 119.97-112	Psalm 119.113-128	Psalm 119.129-144	Psalm 119.145-160	Psalm 119.161-176
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(913) 721-2100, [kcrenaissance.com](http://kcrenaissance.com)

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(800) 324-8022, [macfestival.org](http://macfestival.org)

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October 5, Historic Downtown Marysville  
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## SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

		3					1	9
			5	2				
							4	3
8	4		1					5
				7				
		2			4		3	
	1		4					
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9		8				7		

Level: Advanced

**Here's How It Works:**  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

4	2	7	1	3	5	8	9	6
1	5	6	9	8	2	4	7	3
9	8	3	7	6	4	5	1	2
8	3	1	4	9	6	2	7	5
2	6	4	7	5	4	8	6	1
5	7	6	3	2	1	6	8	4
3	9	1	9	7	6	1	9	8
5	4	7	2	2	3	1	5	8
7	9	8	2	8	1	5	6	4
6	8	5	1	9	4	8	7	3

ANSWERS

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