

## God's Word Speaks to His Mercy and Your New Life

We are most thankful for gifts we don't deserve. Such is the case of God's mercy in granting new life . . . none of us deserve it, but because of His love, He gives it.

**Psalm 145:8-9**, The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

**Psalm 25:5-7**, Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. <sup>6</sup>Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. <sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

**Titus 3:3-7**, For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. <sup>4</sup>But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**1 Peter 1:3-4**, Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

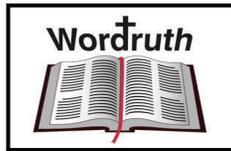
**Ephesians 2:4-5**, But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved...

**Psalm 103:1-5**, Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! <sup>2</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, <sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, <sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, <sup>5</sup>who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**Psalm 116:1-2**, I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and pleas for mercy, Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

**1 Timothy 1:15-16**, The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

For further study, see also [Grace, Mercy, and Peace](#) .



## God's Word Speaks to Hope So You Can Avoid Despair

Life is filled with “ups” and “downs.” Sometimes, the “downs” become so overwhelming that despair is just around the corner. Before turning that corner, you can realize the hope that God supplies through His awesome power and promises.

**Psalm 119:49-50**, Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope. This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life.

**Psalm 147:11**, the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

**Jeremiah 29:11**, For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

**Lamentations 3:21-23**, But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

**Romans 15:4**, For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18**, So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup>as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

**Psalm 62:5-6**, For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

**Psalm 71:14-15**, But I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more. My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge.

**Psalm 119:114**, You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word.

**Psalm 42:11**, Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

**Romans 5:1-5**, Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For further study, see [Trusting in God in Trials Out of Our Control](#) .