> *“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;*
> *they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*
> *‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘therefore I will hope in him.’”*
> Lamentations 3:22–24 (ESV)

Let the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be praised forever!

Today is a brand new day that the Lord has designed long ago for me and for you to live in. Waking up this morning, we were blessed with the gift of life. Perhaps you even heard the beautiful sounds of birds joyfully singing praises to God from the trees. That alone is grace.

Consider this: according to global statistics, over 151,600 people die every single day. Yet today, you and I were granted another opportunity not only to wake up safely but also to open our phones, access the internet, and stumble upon this message. Why?

Do you think you've done anything so righteous or special in God's sight to deserve today? Think deeply.

- Is it because you're holy?
- Because you're healthy?
- Because you're young?

No. It is solely because of the Lord's mercy that we are not consumed. His compassion is renewed every morning as if yesterday's sins never happened. Every sunrise brings with it a fresh dose of mercy, whether we deserve it or not.

> *"The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love."*
> Psalm 103:8 (NIV)

Even though we constantly fall short in many ways, God's mercy still covers us. And this mercy extends to both the saved and the unsaved. Jesus said God causes the sun to rise and rain to fall on both the righteous and the wicked (Matthew 5:45).

JESUS CHRIST OUR ADVOCATE

For those of us who are born again, when we stumble or are overwhelmed by trials and weaknesses, we are never alone. We have a heavenly Advocate our Lord Jesus Christ.

> *“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”*
> 1 John 2:1 (ESV)

Jesus Christ continually intercedes for us before the Father. Without Him, even those who are considered “saints” would have been destroyed long ago. But through Him, we have peace and assurance at all times. Hallelujah!

WHAT ABOUT THE UNSAVED?

Yes, even the unbelievers are recipients of God’s mercy. But why aren’t they destroyed despite living in sin? Is Jesus interceding for them too?

No. Jesus made it clear during His earthly ministry:

> *“I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.”*
> John 17:9 (ESV)

So why do sinners still live, breathe, succeed, and are not destroyed by the enemy?

There’s only one reason:

> *“As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways…”*
> Ezekiel 33:11 (ESV)

> *“Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares Lord God, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?”*

> Ezekiel 18:23 (ESV)

God is patient, not wanting anyone to perish but all to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). His mercy delays judgment to give sinners a chance to turn from their ways.

You know full well that living outside of Christ brings no peace, yet you continue. You know that immorality, drunkenness, and rebellion lead to hell, yet you persist.

Why do you think others, possibly more sinful than you, have died today and not you?

TODAY IS A DAY OF MERCY DON’T WASTE IT

Today is new. His mercies are fresh. He is calling you to repent to turn away from sin and surrender to Christ.

If you die in your sins, where will you hide your face? How will you escape God’s judgment?

God has been speaking to you every morning, urging you to repent. If you continue to ignore Him, regret will follow for eternity.

WHAT MUST YOU DO TO BE SAVED?

If Jesus is not yet in your life, now is the time to make a personal decision. Here's what you must do:

Repent of your sins not just through words, but by truly turning away from them.

Repentance is not a ritual or a scripted prayer; it is a genuine change of heart and direction.

Be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.

> *"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved..."*
> Mark 16:16 (ESV)

> *“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will the gift of the Holy Spirit.”*
> Acts 2:38 (ESV)

Baptism must be:

- By full immersion (not sprinkling).
- In the name of Jesus Christ (not just in titles like “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit”).

This is consistent throughout the New Testament:

- *Acts 8:16*
- *Acts 10:48*
- *Acts 19:1–5*

If you were baptized as a child, or without understanding repentance, or in a traditional way without the name of Jesus, you must be baptized again properly.

AND FROM THAT MOMENT...

Once you genuinely repent and are baptized in the name of Jesus, God will give you His Holy Spirit, who will guide, comfort, and protect you until the day of redemption (Ephesians 4:30).

At that point, you too will have a heavenly Intercessor Jesus Christ who stands before the Father on your behalf.

> *“Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.”*
> Hebrews 4:14 (ESV)

If you sin unintentionally or out of weakness, He will intercede for you. Under His grace, your sins are covered.

“Just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

> *‘Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered;*
> *blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.’”*
> Romans 4:6–8 (ESV)

If you have chosen today to follow Jesus, you’ve made the greatest decision of your life. Welcome to the family of God.

Let the peace of Christ reign in your heart. And as you walk in holiness, may the Lord bless and keep you until the day He returns.

To Him belongs all glory, honor, and dominion, forever and ever. Amen.

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