

Sermon Title: Praise God for His Mercy

Argument : All who have experienced God's Unmerited and Uncommon Mercy have a story to tell and a Savior to celebrate!

I. Remember what God graciously does for you in Christ Jesus our Lord (12-14)

II. Bear witness to God's unmerited and uncommon mercy for the good of others (15-16)

III. Rejoice in worship for Your King, God, and Savior (17)

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. Paul said the source of his strength and purpose was the Lord Jesus Christ (v.12). Where do you run when the storms of life come? What is your strength and purpose?
2. As you read Paul's confession, vv. 13-16 keep vv. 8-11 in mind and wrestle with the following questions: Why did Paul share details of his past that cast him in a bad light knowing that his letter would be shared with the entire church? What point was Paul making? Explain whether you view his candor as distracting or helpful and why?
3. Our passage is clear that God's grace transformed Paul. A blasphemer, persecutor, and opponent was re-created into God's witness, evangelist and servant. How does the gospel do this? Have you experienced God's unmerited grace? How should Christ's transformation in you be shared rather than hid?
4. Paul's pointed and powerful celebration of God's grace concludes with a doxology (praise to God). What can you do to encourage your own marveling at God's unmerited and uncommon grace? If you included more doxology/ praise to God in your Christian life, how might it change your prayers, your worship, your witness, your ministry to others?