

QUIETING A NOISY SOUL

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Part Two: The Way Back

Session 8

Beholding the God of Mercy

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ” Ephesians 2:4-5

- Definition of mercy—“Rescuing someone from his or her _____ condition”
- Not all “miserable conditions” are _____; God has priorities about miserable conditions.

A. Our Miserable Condition (Ephesians 2:1-3)

- Illustration: Old Yeller (rabid dog)
- 1. Under a _____ sentence (Ephesians 2:1)
- 2. Controlled by a _____ force (Ephesians 2:2)
- 3. _____ in every part (Ephesians 2:3)

B. God’s Merciful Intervention (Ephesians 2:4-10)

- 1. God takes pleasure in _____ us (“rich in mercy”).
- 2. God has a _____ to rescue us.
 - a. He changes the _____ against us.
 - b. He changes the _____ within us.
 - c. He changes the _____ of our soul.

C. Some Implications

- 1. He rescued us from our miserable condition to show the greatness of His _____ (Ephesians 2:7).
- 2. He rescued us from our miserable condition to make us _____.
- 3. He rescued us from our miserable condition so that we would rescue _____ from their miserable condition.
 - a. Are you confronting the _____ with the gospel?
 - b. Are you confronting the sinning _____ with his sin?
 - c. Are you comforting those who _____ physically or emotionally?

➤ We have a God who’s disposition is to _____ us!

CONCLUSION: My soul can rest because God’s _____ is more than enough for me.