

## Theme for 2021

### **WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT; WE ARE ONE IN THE LORD!**

#### **‘They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love.’**

*“I have commissioned them to represent me just as you commissioned me to represent you. And now I dedicate myself to them as a holy sacrifice so that they will live as fully dedicated to God and be made holy by your truth.” “And I ask not only for these disciples, but also for all those who will one day believe in me through their message. I pray for them all to be joined together as one even as you and I, Father, are joined together as one. I pray for them to become one with us so that the world will recognize that you sent me. For the very glory you have given to me I have given them so that they will be joined together as one and experience the same unity that we enjoy. You live fully in me and now I live fully in them so that they will experience perfect unity, and the world will be convinced that you have sent me, for they will see that you love each one of them with the same passionate love that you have for me.”*

**John 17:18-23 The Passion Translation (TPT)**



#### ***This Week’s Thought – April 11, 2021***

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*“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”* **Lamentations 3:22-23 English Standard Version (ESV)**

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**“We’re ALL in this TOGETHER.”** More than we need food, water, church, or to hang out with friends and family, we need the Lord’s mercies! The truth is, we often miss the mark. Generally, from the outside looking in, we qualify as a “good Christian.” Going to church weekly, reading our Bible, and seeking to be kind to those we meet. We desire to do what is right. Yet, we all struggle in some area of our lives that doesn’t reflect our Father in Heaven and need daily repentance.

Yet, the Lord chooses to love us past our disqualifications and mistakes. So much so, that every morning He extends His mercy to each of us, EVERY morning. We serve a Holy and Perfect God, who has every right to turn His eyes away from us; however, His love is steadfast, immovable, and never changing towards us. As described in Romans 8:39, no height, depth, or circumstance could ever separate us from this unending love.

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It's out of His unconditional love that He can say, “*I offer you another chance.*” And, every single day, He does so. We simply can’t outrun His love and the accompanying mercy. Our job is to receive them.

Unfortunately, many people struggle to receive God’s mercies. They become stuck between their spiritual desire to do what’s right and their fleshly desire to satisfy self. They might even convince themselves that their struggles with sin disqualify them from God’s love.

God’s Mercy and Love were never affected by the depravity of the sinner. It was always backed by the Truth of His Word. Truly, the one He has set free from sin, shame, and guilt, is free INDEED! His mercy is anew for you, if you choose to receive it!

**Application:** The shame of our situation (past or current) might leave us defeated and unable to genuinely enjoy the benefits of being a child of God. All the while, the Lord wants to remind us that He died for us before we ever dishonored God.

**Prayer of reflection and response you might pray this week: “Heavenly Father, I thank You for Your steadfast love. For Your Mercy toward us that is renewed for us each morning, no matter the sins of yesterday. Thank you for choosing to love us more than we could ever love ourselves. I praise You for Your goodness and faithfulness towards me. Even when I don’t deserve it, You show Your kindness towards me relentlessly. Forgive me for my sins and shortcomings. I ask that You show me when I’m operating out of shame and guilt. I ask that You forgive me for the times I’ve rejected Your Mercy towards me and have chosen to walk in shame. I receive Your new Mercies over my life right now. I choose to walk forward today confident in Your love for me. I await Your Voice. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate Name of Jesus, Amen!”**

**Yours in Christ, Pastor King**