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You can shine your shoes and wear a suit.  
You can comb your hair and look quite cute.  
You can hide your face behind a smile.  
One thing you can't hide  
Is when you're crippled inside.

— John Lennon

# The God Who Is Merciful

## Scripture for Meditation

*2 Sam 12:7a, 12–10a, 13*

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Nathan said to David, “You are the man!”

“Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house.”

David said to Nathan,

“I have sinned against the LORD.”

And Nathan said to David,

“The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.

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## Hymn of Mercy

### *His Mercy Is More*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore.  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Chorus:*

*Praise the Lord,  
His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

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## Offertory Hymn of Praise

*Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed*

How can it be, the One who died  
Has borne our sin through sacrifice  
To conquer every sting of death  
Sing, sing hallelujah!

For joy awakes as dawning light  
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes  
Alive He stands, their friend and king  
Christ, Christ, He is risen

*Chorus:*

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!*

*Oh, sing hallelujah*

*Join the chorus sing with the redeemed*

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!*

Where doubt and darkness once had been  
They saw Him and their hearts believed  
But blessed are those who have not seen  
Yet, sing hallelujah!

Once bound by fear now bold in faith  
They preached the truth and power of grace  
And pouring out their lives they gained  
Life, life everlasting.

*Chorus*

The power that raised Him from the grave  
Now works in us to powerfully save  
He frees our hearts to live His grace  
Go tell of His goodness.

*Chorus*

He's alive, He's alive!  
Heaven's gates are opened wide  
He's alive, He's alive!  
Now in heaven glorified  
He's alive, He's alive!  
Heaven's gates are opened wide  
He's alive, He's alive!  
Now in heaven glorified!

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## **Prayer of Blessing**

## **Confession of Faith**

### *Heidelberg Catechism*

*Question 1:* What is your only comfort in life and death?

*Answer:* **That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by**

**His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

*Question 2:* What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

*Answer:* **First, how great my sins and misery are; second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.**

## **Psalm of Confession**

### *Psalm 51*

Change my heart, O God; cleanse my soul from sin;  
Change my heart, O God; make me pure within.

*Refrain:*

*Have mercy, Lord, in Thine unfailing love.*

*Blot out my sins with compassion from above.*

Purge my soul, O Lord; wash and cleanse me now;  
Purge my soul, O Lord; before Thy throne I bow.

Stamp Thy truth within, with the fire of Thine eyes;  
Stamp Thy truth within, make Thy servant wise.

Turn my grief to joy; make me sing Thy praise.  
Turn my grief to joy; through eternal days.

*Last Refrain:*

*Have mercy, Lord, in Thine unfailing love.*

*Blot out my sins with compassion from above.*

*Change my heart, O God.*

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## **Prayer of Corporate Confession**

### **Silence for Personal Confession**

Take a moment for self-reflection, and talk with God quietly about your sin and your need for a Savior.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

*Proverbs 28:13*

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

*Response:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn of Forgiveness**

*His Be the Victor's Name\**

# His Be the Victor's Name



1. His be the Vic - tor's Name Who fought the fight a -  
 2. By weak - ness and de - feat He won the glo - rious  
 3. He hell in hell laid low; Made sin, He sin o'er -  
 4. Bless, bless the Con - queror slain, Slain by di - vine de -



lone; Tri - um - phant saints no hon - or claim; Their con - quest was His  
 crown; Trod all His foes be - neath His feet By be - ing trod - den  
 threw; Bowed to the grave, de - stroyed it so, And death, by dy - ing,  
 cree! Who lived, who died, who lives a - gain, For thee, my soul, for



Chorus:  
 own. down. slew. Of sins that  
 thee. What though the vile ac - cus - er roar



I have done; I know them well, and thou - sands more; My God, He



know - eth none. My sin is cast in -



to the sea Of God's for - got - ten mem - o - ry, No more to haunt ac -



To Chorus  
 cus - ing - ly; For Christ has lived and died for me! What though the

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\*Children may leave during this song.







## **Sunday Service Times**

9:15 am          Family Bible Time  
10:00 am        Corporate Prayer Service  
10:45 am        Corporate Worship Service

\*A nursery is available for all services. Sunday sermons are available on our website or at [ebcupstate.sermonaudio.com](http://ebcupstate.sermonaudio.com).

**Emmanuel Bible Church** is a community of believers committed to glorifying God by applying the Gospel to every area of life and to making disciples who will love God with all their hearts and their neighbors as themselves.

We are thrilled to be a part of what God is doing in the Upstate. Few things are as exciting as seeing lives and relationships changed through the clear teaching of God's Word. After all, we are made expressly to be in a relationship with Him and to recognize Jesus as our Lord and Savior. At Emmanuel we strive to bring God glory through singing and praying together, hearing His Word preached, loving Him, and loving one another.

We would be delighted to have an opportunity to meet you. We are here to help and encourage you through the teaching of God's Word and through biblical fellowship.

—*Brad Baugham, teaching pastor*

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*Ministers*

The congregation at large

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