第十篇

大衛、米非波設、以及神的恩慈

詩歌：

讀經：撒下九 1～13，羅二 4，弗二 7，四 32，多三 4～5，西三 12

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Message Ten

David, Mephibosheth, and the Kindness of God

Hymns:

Scripture Reading: 2 Sam. 9:1-13; Rom. 2:4; Eph. 2:7; 4:32; Titus 3:4-5; Col. 3:12

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羅 2:4 還是你藐視祂豐富的恩慈、寬容與恆忍，不曉得神的恩慈是領你悔改？
弗 2:7 好在要來的諸世代中，顯示祂在基督耶穌裏，向我們所施恩慈中恩典超越的豐富。
弗 4:32 你們要以恩慈相待，心存慈憐，彼此饒恕，正如神在基督裏饒恕了你們一樣。
多 3:4 然而，當我們救主神的恩慈，和祂對人的愛顯現的時候，
多 3:5 祂便救了我們，並不是本於我們所成就的義行，乃是照着祂的憐憫，藉着重生的洗滌，和聖靈的更新。
西 3:12 所以你們既是神的選民，聖別蒙愛的人，就要穿上憐恤的心腸、恩慈、卑微、溫柔、恆忍。

壹 撒下九章一至十三節記載大衛以恩慈待約拿單的兒子米非波設：

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Rom. 2:4 Or do you despise the riches of His kindness and forbearance and long-suffering, not knowing that God's kindness is leading you to repentance?
Eph. 2:7 That He might display in the ages to come the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
Eph. 4:32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ also forgave you.
Titus 3:4 But when the kindness and the love to man of our Savior God appeared,
Titus 3:5 Not out of works in righteousness which we did but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit,
Col. 3:12 Put on therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, inward parts of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, long-suffering;

I. Second Samuel 9:1-13 is a record of David's showing kindness to Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan:

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A. David felt obliged to show kindness, for the sake of Jonathan, to any

掃羅家存留的任何後裔，他問掃羅家的一個僕人說，『掃羅家還有人沒有？我要以神的恩慈待他』—3 節上。

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二僕人對大衛說，還有約拿單的一個兒子米非波設，是兩腿殘廢的—3 節下。

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三大衛告訴米非波設，他必因他父親約拿單的緣故，以恩慈待他，並應許米非波設，要將他祖父一切的地都歸還他，並且米非波設可以常在王的席上喫飯—7，13 節。

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四大衛王保存他的性命，歸還他一切的產業，並邀請他同席喫飯—7，9 節。

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五大衛將原屬掃羅和他全家的一切產業，都賜給米非波設；米非波設常在王的席上喫飯，『他兩腿都是瘸的』—9，13 節。

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貳 米非波設無一點立場可以得恩，但是他竟然得着了；關於我們與神也是一樣：

remaining descendant of the house of Saul and asked a servant of the house of Saul, saying, "Is there yet anyone at all of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him?"—v. 3a.

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B. The servant told David that there was still a son of Jonathan, Mephibosheth, who was crippled in his feet—v. 3b.

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C. David told Mephibosheth that he would show kindness to him for the sake of Jonathan his father and promised Mephibosheth that he would restore to him all the land of his grandfather and that he would eat at the king's table continually—vv. 7, 13.

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D. King David preserved his life, restored to him all his inheritance, and invited him to feast with him at the same table—vv. 7, 9.

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E. David gave to Mephibosheth all that belonged to Saul and to all his house; Mephibosheth ate at the king's table continually, and "he was crippled in both his feet"—vv. 9, 13.

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II. Mephibosheth had no ground to receive grace, yet he received it; the same is true with regard to us and God:

一米非波設在大衛面前，一點地位也沒有—1～6節：

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1 他的蒙恩不是因着自己，乃是因着另一個人—7節。

撒下 9:7 大衛說，你不要懼怕，我必因你父親約拿單的緣故，以恩慈待你，將你祖父掃羅一切的地都歸還你；你也可以常在我席上喫飯。

2 一個罪人在神面前，也是如此—羅二4。

羅 2:4 還是你藐視祂豐富的恩慈、寬容與恆忍，不曉得神的恩慈是領你悔改？

二米非波設住的地方『羅底巴（Lo-debar）』，是希伯來字，意思是『沒有草，沒有草場的地方』；今天的世界就是『羅底巴』—撒下九4：

撒下 9:4 王說，他在那裏？洗巴對王說，他在羅底巴，亞米利的兒子瑪吉家裏。

1 逃離大衛的米非波設，是住在無草之地，沒有任何生命的供應—4節。

撒下 9:4 王說，他在那裏？洗巴對王說，他在羅底巴，亞米利的兒子瑪吉家裏。

2 一個遠離神的罪人，也是住在無草之地。

三不是米非波設去找大衛，乃是大衛打發人去把米非波設接來—4～5節。

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A. Mephibosheth had no position at all before David—vv. 1-6:

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1. He received kindness not because of himself but because of another person—v. 7.

2 Sam. 9:7 And David said to him, Do not be afraid, for I will surely show kindness to you for the sake of Jonathan your father; and I will restore to you all the land of your father Saul, and you will eat food at my table continually.

2. This is true for a sinner before God—Rom. 2:4.

Rom. 2:4 Or do you despise the riches of His kindness and forbearance and long-suffering, not knowing that God's kindness is leading you to repentance?

B. Lo-debar, the place where Mephibosheth lived, is a Hebrew word that means "a place without grass, without pasture"; the world today is a "Lo-debar"—2 Sam. 9:4:

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1. Mephibosheth, who ran away from David, was living in a place without grass, without any life supply—v. 4.

2 Sam. 9:4 Then the king said to him, Where is he? And Ziba said to the king, He is just now in the house of Machir the son of Amiel in Lo-debar.

2. A sinner far away from God is also living in a place without grass.

C. Mephibosheth did not seek after David, but David sent men to fetch Mephibosheth—vv. 4-5.

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四大衛說『米非波設』時，心裏有一種憐恤的感覺，聲音裏有令人喜悅的聲調—6～7節：

撒下 9:6 掃羅的孫子，約拿單的兒子米非波設來見大衛，面伏於地叩拜。大衛說，米非波設。米非波設說，僕人在此。
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1 在這句話的深處，有一個心表明神的心是如何—撒上十六7。

撒上 16:7 耶和華卻對撒母耳說，不要看他的外貌和他身材高大，我不揀選他。因爲要緊的不是人怎樣看；人是看外貌，耶和華是看內心。

2 大衛的心滿有恩慈和憐恤—二十14～15。

撒上 20:14 我活着的時候，你要以耶和華的慈愛待我，免我死亡；
撒上 20:15 就是我死後，耶和華從地上剪除你每一個仇敵的時候，你也永不可向我家絕了慈愛。

叁 就屬靈一面說，我們都像掃羅王的孫子（撒下四4）兩腿殘廢的米非波設一樣：

撒下 4:4 掃羅的兒子約拿單有一個兒子，是兩腿殘廢的。掃羅和約拿單死亡的消息從耶斯列傳到的時候，他纔五歲。他乳母抱着他逃跑；因爲跑得太急，孩子掉下來，腿就瘸了。他名叫米非波設。

一米非波設雖然常與王同席喫飯，但他的兩腿仍是瘸的—九7。

撒下 9:7 大衛說，你不要懼怕，我必因你父親約拿單的緣故，以恩慈待你，將你祖父掃羅一切的地都歸還你；你也可以常在我席上喫飯。

二米非波設蒙大衛恩待之後，他只看大衛桌上的豐富，而不看桌下自己的瘸腿。

三我們像米非波設一樣，雖然仍是瘸腿的，卻能在王的席上喫飯—13節：

撒下 9:13 於是米非波設住在耶路撒冷，因爲他常在王的席上喫飯。他兩腿都是瘸的。

1 我們的兩腿雖瘸，不過是『在桌下』。

2 我們得救以後，應當忘掉我們『瘸了的雙腿』，而

D. When David said, "Mephibosheth," there was a compassionate feeling in his heart, and there was a pleasant tone in his voice—vv. 6-7:

2 Sam. 9:6 And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and paid homage. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he said, Your servant is here.
2 Sam. 9:7 And David said to him, Do not be afraid, for I will surely show kindness to you for the sake of Jonathan your father; and I will restore to you all the land of your father Saul, and you will eat food at my table continually.

1. Underneath this word was a heart that expressed God's heart—1 Sam. 16:7.

1 Sam. 16:7 But Jehovah said to Samuel, Do not regard his appearance and the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For it is not how man sees that matters; for man looks on the outward appearance, but Jehovah looks on the heart.

2. David's heart was full of kindness and compassion—20:14-15.

1 Sam. 20:14 And while I am still alive, do show me the lovingkindness of Jehovah, that I may not die;
1 Sam. 20:15 And never cut off your lovingkindness from my house, not even when Jehovah has cut off David's enemies to the man from the face of the earth.

III. Spiritually speaking, we all are like Mephibosheth, the grandson of King Saul (2 Sam. 4:4), who was crippled in his feet:

2 Sam. 4:4 Now Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son who had crippled feet. He was five years old when the news came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel. And his nurse took him up and fled. And as she hurried to flee, he fell and was made lame. And his name was Mephibosheth.

A. Although Mephibosheth dined with the king often, his two feet still remained lame—9:7.

2 Sam. 9:7 And David said to him, Do not be afraid, for I will surely show kindness to you for the sake of Jonathan your father; and I will restore to you all the land of your father Saul, and you will eat food at my table continually.

B. After Mephibosheth received grace from David, he looked only at the riches on David's table; he did not look at his crippled feet underneath the table.

C. Like Mephibosheth, we can dine at the King's table even though we are still crippled—v. 13:

2 Sam. 9:13 And Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem because he ate at the king's table continually. And he was crippled in both his feet.

1. Our two feet are lame, but they are under the table.

2. After we have been saved, we should forget about our "crippled feet"

坐在我們的王耶穌基督的席上，享受祂—7節，羅十四17，尼八10：

撒下9:7 大衛說，你不要懼怕，我必因你父親約拿單的緣故，以恩慈待你，將你祖父掃羅一切的地都歸還你；你也可以常在我席上喫飯。

羅14:17 因爲神的國不在於喫喝，乃在於公義、和平、並聖靈中的喜樂。

尼8:10 他又對他們說，你們去喫肥美的，喝甘甜的，有不能豫備的就分給他，因爲今日是我們主的聖日。你們不要憂愁，因耶和華的喜樂是你們的力量。

a 每當我們看自己，發現自己是瘸腿的，我們就沮喪—歌二8～三5。

歌2:8 聽阿，是我良人的聲音；看哪，他躍山越嶺而來。

歌2:9 我的良人好像羚羊，或像小牡鹿。他站在我們牆壁後，從窗戶往裏觀看，從窗櫺往裏探視。

歌2:10 我良人回應我說，我的佳偶，我的美人，起來，與我同去；

歌2:11 因爲冬天已過，雨水也止住過去了。

歌2:12 地上百花開放，百鳥鳴叫的時候已經來到；斑鳩的聲音在我們境內也聽見了。

歌2:13 無花果樹的果子漸漸成熟，葡萄樹開花放香。我的佳偶，我的美人，起來，與我同去。

歌2:14 我的鴿子阿，你在磐石穴中，在陡巖的隱密處，求你讓我得見你的面貌，得聽你的聲音；因爲你的聲音甘甜，你的面貌秀美。

歌2:15 要給我們擒拿狐狸，就是毀壞葡萄園的小狐狸；因爲我們的葡萄園正在開花。

歌2:16 我的良人屬我，我也屬他；他在百合花中牧放羣羊。

歌2:17 我的良人哪，等到天亮，黑影飛去的時候，你要轉回，好像羚羊，或像小牡鹿在比特山上。

歌3:1 我夜夜在牀上尋找我心所愛的；我尋找他，卻尋不見。

歌3:2 我說，我要起來，繞行城中，在街道上，在寬闊處，尋找我心所愛的。我尋找他，卻尋不見。

歌3:3 城中巡邏看守的人遇見我；我問他們：你們看見我心所愛的沒有？

歌3:4 我剛離開他們，就遇見我心所愛的；我拉住他，不讓他走，直到領他進我母家，到懷我者的內室。

歌3:5 耶路撒冷的眾女子阿，我指着羚羊或田野的母鹿鄭重的囑咐你們，不要驚動，不要叫醒我所愛的，等她自己情願。

b 我們只當看主桌上的豐富，並享受這些豐富—弗三8。

弗3:8 這恩典賜給了我這比眾聖徒中最小者還小的，叫我將基督那追測不盡的豐富，當作福音傳給外邦人，

and sit at the table of our King, Jesus Christ, to enjoy Him—v. 7; Rom. 14:17; Neh. 8:10:

2 Sam. 9:7 And David said to him, Do not be afraid, for I will surely show kindness to you for the sake of Jonathan your father; and I will restore to you all the land of your father Saul, and you will eat food at my table continually.

Rom. 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Neh. 8:10 Then he said to them, Go your way; eat the fat, and drink the sweet wine, and send portions to him for whom nothing has been prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of Jehovah is your strength.

a. Whenever we look at ourselves, we discover that we are lame, and we become discouraged—cf. S. S. 2:8—3:5.

S.S. 2:8 The voice of my beloved! Now he comes, / Leaping upon the mountains, / Skipping upon the hills.

S.S. 2:9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young hart. / Now he stands behind our wall; / He is looking through the windows, / He is glancing through the lattice.

S.S. 2:10 My beloved responds and says to me, / Rise up, my love, / My beauty, and come away;

S.S. 2:11 For now the winter is past; / The rain is over and gone.

S.S. 2:12 Flowers appear on the earth; / The time of singing has come, / And the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

S.S. 2:13 The fig tree has ripened its figs, / And the vines are in blossom - they give forth their fragrance. / Rise up, my love, / My beauty, and come away.

S.S. 2:14 My dove, in the clefts of the rock, / In the covert of the precipice, Let me see your countenance, / Let me hear your voice; / For your voice is sweet, / And your countenance is lovely.

S.S. 2:15 Catch the foxes for us, / The little foxes, / That ruin the vineyards / While our vineyards are in blossom.

S.S. 2:16 My beloved is mine, and I am his; / He pastures his flock among the lilies.

S.S. 2:17 Until the day dawns and the shadows flee away, / Turn, my beloved, and be like a gazelle or a young hart / On the mountains of Bether.

S.S. 3:1 On my bed night after night / I sought him whom my soul loves; / I sought him, but found him not.

S.S. 3:2 I will rise now and go about in the city; / In the streets and in the squares / I will seek him whom my soul loves. / I sought him, but found him not.

S.S. 3:3 The watchmen who go about in the city found me - / Have you seen him whom my soul loves?

S.S. 3:4 Scarcely had I passed them / When I found him whom my soul loves; / I held him and would not let go / Until I had brought him into my mother's house / And into the chamber of her who conceived me.

S.S. 3:5 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, / By the gazelles or by the hinds of the fields, / Not to rouse up or awaken my love / Until she pleases.

b. We should look only at the riches on the Lord's table and enjoy them—Eph. 3:8.

Eph. 3:8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel

3 神爲我們擺在這裏的，不知有多好，有多豐富，有多甘甜；我們只管喫—約六 50～51，53～57，太八 11，二二 2，啓十九 9。

約 6:50 這是從天上降下來的糧，叫人喫了就不死。
約 6:51 我是從天上降下來的活糧，人若喫這糧，就必永遠活着。我所要賜的糧，就是我的肉，爲世人的生命所賜的。
約 6:53 耶穌說，我實實在在的告訴你們，你們若不喫人子的肉，不喝人子的血，就沒有生命在你們裏面。
約 6:54 喫我肉喝我血的人，就有永遠的生命，在末日我要叫他復活。
約 6:55 我的肉是真正的食物，我的血是真正的飲料。
約 6:56 喫我肉喝我血的人，就住在我裏面，我也住在他裏面。
約 6:57 活的父怎樣差我來，我又因父活着，照樣，那喫我的人，也要因我活着。
太 8:11 我又告訴你們，從東從西，將有許多人要來，在諸天的國裏與亞伯拉罕、以撒、雅各一同坐席。
太 22:2 諸天的國好比一個作王的人，爲他兒子擺設婚筵。
啓 19:9 天使對我說，你要寫上，凡被請赴羔羊婚筵的有福了。又對我說，這是神真實的話。

四我們該從我們的內顧自己轉離，並且望斷以及於主—來十二 2，二 9。

來 12:2 望斷以及於耶穌，就是我們信心的創始者與成終者；祂爲那擺在前面的喜樂，就輕看羞辱，忍受了十字架，便坐在神寶座的右邊。
來 2:9 惟獨看見耶穌得了榮耀尊貴爲冠冕，祂爲着受死的苦，成爲比天使微小一點的，好叫祂因着神的恩，爲樣樣嘗到死味。

五我們只看神所擺在我們面前的豐富和恩典，我們就會有平安，我們的心就會得着滿足—太五 6，十四 20。

太 5:6 飢渴慕義的人有福了，因爲他們必得飽足。
太 14:20 眾人都喫，並且喫飽了。他們拾起剩下的零碎，裝滿了十二籃子。

肆 大衛對米非波設的恩慈表徵神的恩慈—撒下九 3，羅二 4，弗二 7，多三 4～5：

撒下 9:3 王說，掃羅家還有人沒有？我要以神的恩慈待他。洗巴對王說，還有約拿單的一個兒子，是兩腿殘廢的。
羅 2:4 還是你藐視祂豐富的恩慈、寬容與恆忍，不曉得神的恩慈是領你悔改？
弗 2:7 好在要來的諸世代中，顯示祂在基督耶穌裏，向我們所施

3. What God has spread out for us is wonderful, rich, and sweet; we simply need to eat—John 6:50-51, 53-57; Matt. 8:11; 22:2; Rev. 19:9.

John 6:50 This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, that anyone may eat of it and not die.
John 6:51 I am the living bread which came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread which I will give is My flesh, given for the life of the world.
John 6:53 Jesus therefore said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within yourselves.
John 6:54 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up in the last day.
John 6:55 For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.
John 6:56 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me and I in him.
John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.
Matt. 8:11 But I say to you that many will come from the east and the west and will recline at table with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of the heavens,
Matt. 22:2 The kingdom of the heavens has become like a king who prepared a wedding feast for his son.
Rev. 19:9 And he said to me, Write, Blessed are they who are called to the marriage dinner of the Lamb. And he said to me, These are the true words of God.

D. We need to turn away from self-introspection and look away unto the Lord—Heb. 12:2; 2:9.

Heb. 12:2 Looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down on the right hand of the throne of God.
Heb. 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little inferior to the angels because of the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death on behalf of everything.

E. When we look only at the riches and the grace that God has spread before us, we will be peaceful, and our hearts will be satisfied—Matt. 5:6; 14:20.

Matt. 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
Matt. 14:20 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve handbaskets full.

IV. David's kindness to Mephibosheth signifies the kindness of God—2 Sam. 9:3; Rom. 2:4; Eph. 2:7; Titus 3:4-5:

2 Sam. 9:3 And the king said, Is there yet anyone at all of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him? And Ziba said to the king, There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet.
Rom. 2:4 Or do you despise the riches of His kindness and forbearance and long-suffering, not knowing that God's kindness is leading you to repentance?
Eph. 2:7 That He might display in the ages to come the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward

恩慈中恩典超越的豐富。
多 3:4 然而，當我們救主神的恩慈，和祂對人的愛顯現的時候，
多 3:5 祂便救了我們，並不是本於我們所成就的義行，乃是照着祂的憐憫，藉着重生的洗滌，和聖靈的更新。

一恩慈是一種仁慈的良善，出自神的憐憫和愛—弗二 4，7。

弗 2:4 然而神富於憐憫，因祂愛我們的大愛，
弗 2:7 好在要來的諸世代中，顯示祂在基督耶穌裏，向我們所施恩慈中恩典超越的豐富。

二乃是我們救主神的恩慈和愛拯救了我們，使我們與人有別—多三 4：

多 3:4 然而，當我們救主神的恩慈，和祂對人的愛顯現的時候，

1 神的恩典將救恩帶給人；我們因主的恩典得救—二 11，三 7。

多 2:11 因爲神救萬人的恩典，已經顯現出來，
多 3:7 好叫我們既因祂的恩典得稱義，就可以照着永遠生命的盼望成爲後嗣。

2 提多書三章五節說，神救了我們，乃是照着祂的憐憫：

多 3:5 祂便救了我們，並不是本於我們所成就的義行，乃是照着祂的憐憫，藉着重生的洗滌，和聖靈的更新。

a 神的憐憫比神的恩典搆得更遠—羅九 15 ～ 16，18，23，來四 16。

羅 9:15 因爲祂對摩西說，『我要向誰施憐憫，就向誰施憐憫；要對誰動憐恤，就對誰動憐恤。』
羅 9:16 這樣看來，這不在於那定意的，也不在於那奔跑的，只在於那施憐憫的神。
羅 9:18 這樣看來，神願意向誰施憐憫，就向誰施憐憫；願意叫誰剛硬，就叫誰剛硬。
羅 9:23 且要在那些蒙憐憫、早豫備得榮耀的器皿上，彰顯祂榮耀的豐富；
來 4:16 所以我們只管坦然無懼的來到施恩的寶座前，爲要受憐憫，得恩典，作應時的幫助。

b 我們可憐的光景造成了我們與神恩典之間廣闊的缺隙。

c 神的憐憫乃是橫跨這缺隙的橋梁，把我們帶到祂恩典的救恩裏—羅二 4，九 23。

羅 2:4 還是你藐視祂豐富的恩慈、寬容與恆忍，不曉得神的恩慈是領你悔改？

us in Christ Jesus.
Titus 3:4 But when the kindness and the love to man of our Savior God appeared,
Titus 3:5 Not out of works in righteousness which we did but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit,

A. Kindness is a benevolent goodness that issues out of the mercy and love of God—Eph. 2:4, 7.

Eph. 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
Eph. 2:7 That He might display in the ages to come the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

B. It is the kindness and the love of our Savior God that saved us and made us different from others—Titus 3:4:

Titus 3:4 But when the kindness and the love to man of our Savior God appeared,

1. The grace of God brings salvation to man; we have been saved by the grace of the Lord—2:11; 3:7.

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God, bringing salvation to all men, has appeared,
Titus 3:7 In order that having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

2. Titus 3:5 says that according to His mercy God saved us:

Titus 3:5 Not out of works in righteousness which we did but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit,

a. God's mercy reaches farther than His grace—Rom. 9:15-16, 18, 23; Heb. 4:16.

Rom. 9:15 For to Moses He says, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion."
Rom. 9:16 So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.

Rom. 9:18 So then He has mercy on whom He wills, and He hardens whom He wills.

Rom. 9:23 In order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He had before prepared unto glory,
Heb. 4:16 Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.

b. Our pitiful condition created a wide gap between us and God's grace.

c. It was God's mercy that bridged this gap and brought us to His salvation of grace—Rom. 2:4; 9:23.

Rom. 2:4 Or do you despise the riches of His kindness and forbearance and long-suffering, not knowing that God's kindness is leading you to repentance?

羅 9:23　且要在那些蒙憐憫、早豫備得榮耀的器皿上，彰顯祂榮耀的豐富；

3 在提多書三章四至五節，保羅不是說到恩典，乃是說到恩慈、愛和憐憫：

多 3:4　然而，當我們救主神的恩慈，和祂對人的愛顯現的時候，
多 3:5　祂便救了我們，並不是本於我們所成就的義行，乃是照着祂的憐憫，藉着重生的洗滌，和聖靈的更新。

a 愛是恩典的源頭；在約翰壹書我們摸着父神的愛作恩典的源頭—三 1，四 9 ～ 10。

約壹 3:1　你們看，父賜給我們的是何等的愛，使我們得稱爲神的兒女，我們也真是祂的兒女。世人所以不認識我們，是因未曾認識祂。
約壹 4:9　神差祂的獨生子到世上來，使我們藉着祂得生並活着，在此神的愛就向我們顯明了。
約壹 4:10 不是我們愛神，乃是神愛我們，差祂的兒子，爲我們的罪作了平息的祭物，在此就是愛了。

b 父神的心裏有愛，這愛藉着子彰顯出來時，就成了恩典—約一 14，16 ～ 17。

約 1:14　話成了肉體，支搭帳幕在我們中間，豐豐滿滿的有恩典，有實際。我們也見過祂的榮耀，正是從父而來獨生子的榮耀。
約 1:16　從祂的豐滿裏我們都領受了，而且恩上加恩；
約 1:17　因爲律法是藉着摩西賜的，恩典和實際都是藉着耶穌基督來的。

c 恩慈是神賜恩典給我們的態度—弗二 7。

弗 2:7　好在要來的諸世代中，顯示祂在基督耶穌裏，向我們所施恩慈中恩典超越的豐富。

d 我們有憐憫、愛和恩慈，自然就會有恩典—多三 4 ～ 5，7。

多 3:4　然而，當我們救主神的恩慈，和祂對人的愛顯現的時候，
多 3:5　祂便救了我們，並不是本於我們所成就的義行，乃是照着祂的憐憫，藉着重生的洗滌，和聖靈的更新。
多 3:7　好叫我們既因祂的恩典得稱義，就可以照着永遠生命的盼望成爲後嗣。

e 我們的神與父已向我們顯示愛、憐憫和恩慈；祂藉此拯救我們—4 ～ 5 節。

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Rom. 9:23 In order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He had before prepared unto glory,

3. In Titus 3:4 and 5 Paul speaks not of grace but of kindness, love, and mercy:

Titus 3:4　But when the kindness and the love to man of our Savior God appeared,
Titus 3:5　Not out of works in righteousness which we did but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit,

a. Love is the source of grace; in 1 John we touch the love of God the Father as the source of grace—3:1; 4:9-10.

1 John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and we are. Because of this the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

1 John 4:9 In this the love of God was manifested among us, that God sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might have life and live through Him.
1 John 4:10 Herein is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son as a propitiation for our sins.

b. In the heart of God the Father there is love; when this love is expressed through the Son, it becomes grace—John 1:14, 16-17.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.
John 1:16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.
John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.

c. Kindness is God's attitude in giving us grace—Eph. 2:7.

Eph. 2:7　That He might display in the ages to come the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

d. When we have mercy, love, and kindness, we automatically have grace—Titus 3:4-5, 7.

Titus 3:4　But when the kindness and the love to man of our Savior God appeared,
Titus 3:5　Not out of works in righteousness which we did but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit,
Titus 3:7　In order that having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

e. Our God and Father has shown us love, mercy, and kindness; it is by this that He saves us—vv. 4-5.

Titus 3:4　But when the kindness and the love to man of our Savior God appeared,
Titus 3:5　Not out of works in righteousness which we did but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit,

三在要來的諸世代—千年國時代和將來的永遠—中，神要顯示『祂在基督耶穌裏，向我們所施恩慈中恩典超越的豐富』—弗二7：

弗 2:7 好在要來的諸世代中，顯示祂在基督耶穌裏，向我們所施恩慈中恩典超越的豐富。

1 神的恩典是在神的恩慈中賜給我們的—8節。

弗 2:8 你們得救是靠着恩典，藉着信；這並不是出於你們，乃是神的恩賜；

2 神恩慈中恩典的豐富，超越各樣的限制—7節：

弗 2:7 好在要來的諸世代中，顯示祂在基督耶穌裏，向我們所施恩慈中恩典超越的豐富。

a 這些是神自己的豐富，作我們的享受—三8。

弗 3:8 這恩典賜給了我這比眾聖徒中最小者還小的，叫我將基督那追測不盡的豐富，當作福音傳給外邦人，

b 神恩慈中恩典的這些豐富要公開顯示出來，直到永遠—二7。

弗 2:7 好在要來的諸世代中，顯示祂在基督耶穌裏，向我們所施恩慈中恩典超越的豐富。

四那靈的果子其中的一項是恩慈—加五22：

加 5:22 但那靈的果子，就是愛、喜樂、和平、恆忍、恩慈、良善、信實、

1 我們既已穿上了新人，（西三10，）是神的選民，聖別蒙愛的人，就需要穿上憐恤的心腸和恩慈。（12。）

西 3:10 並且穿上了新人；這新人照着創造他者的形像漸漸更新，以致有充足的知識；

西 3:12 所以你們既是神的選民，聖別蒙愛的人，就要穿上憐恤的心腸、恩慈、卑微、溫柔、恆忍。

2 使徒保羅以恩慈作神的執事，並且他囑咐我們要常留在神的恩慈中—林後六4，6，羅十一22。

林後 6:4 反倒在各樣的事上，在多方的忍耐上、在患難上、在貧困上、在困苦上、

林後 6:6 以純潔、以知識、以恆忍、以恩慈、以聖別的靈、以無偽的愛、

羅 11:22 你看神的恩慈和嚴厲：對那跌倒的人是嚴厲，對你卻是神的恩慈，只要你常留在祂的恩慈中；不然，你也要被砍下來。

3 愛是有恩慈，（林前十三4，）我們要以恩慈相待，

C. In the ages to come—the ages of the millennium and eternity future—God will display "the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus"—Eph. 2:7:

Eph. 2:7 That He might display in the ages to come the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

1. It is in God's kindness that the grace of God is given to us—v. 8.

Eph. 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves; it is the gift of God;

2. The riches of God's grace in His kindness surpass every limit—v. 7:

Eph. 2:7 That He might display in the ages to come the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

a. These are the riches of God Himself for our enjoyment—3:8.

Eph. 3:8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel

b. The riches of God's grace in kindness will be publicly displayed for eternity—2:7.

Eph. 2:7 That He might display in the ages to come the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

D. One item of the fruit of the Spirit is kindness—Gal. 5:22:

Gal. 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

1. Having put on the new man (Col. 3:10), as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, we need to put on inward parts of compassion and kindness (v. 12).

Col. 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

Col. 3:12 Put on therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, inward parts of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, long-suffering;

2. The apostle Paul was a minister of God in kindness, and he charged us to continue in the kindness of God—2 Cor. 6:4, 6; Rom. 11:22.

2 Cor. 6:4 But in everything we commend ourselves as ministers of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

2 Cor. 6:6 In pureness, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in kindness, in a holy spirit, in unfeigned love,

Rom. 11:22 Behold then the kindness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but on you, the kindness of God, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.

3. Love is kind (1 Cor. 13:4), and we need to be kind to one another,

心存慈憐，彼此饒恕，正如神在基督裏饒恕了我們一樣。（弗四 32。）

林前 13:4 愛是恆久忍耐，又有恩慈；愛是不嫉妒；愛是不自誇，不張狂，

弗 4:32 你們要以恩慈相待，心存慈憐，彼此饒恕，正如神在基督裏饒恕了你們一樣。

tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ also forgave us (Eph. 4:32).

1 Cor. 13:4 Love suffers long. Love is kind; it is not jealous. Love does not brag and is not puffed up;

Eph. 4:32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ also forgave you.