

His Mercy Is Not for Sale

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Salvation is a gift from God that cannot be purchased, but rather received through faith in Jesus Christ.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8

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Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes that Christ's mercy is freely given and cannot be bought or earned, using the analogy of a mother seeking grapes for her sick child from a prince who only gives them away. He illustrates that just as the prince's grapes are not for sale, God's grace and salvation are offered freely to all who humbly ask. Spurgeon encourages believers to come and receive this gift of mercy by faith in Jesus, highlighting the importance of approaching God with a humble heart.

Transcript

Christ's mercy is to be had for nothing, bribe or purchase is out of the question. I have heard of a woman whose child was in a fever and needed grapes; and there was a prince who lived near, in whose hothouse there were some of the rarest grapes that had ever been grown. She scraped together the little money she could earn, and went to the gardener and offered to buy a bunch of the royal fruit. Of course he repulsed her, and said they were not to be sold. Did she imagine that the prince grew grapes to sell like a market-gardener? And he sent her on her way, much grieved. She came again; she came several times, for a mother's importunity is great; but no offer of hers would be accepted.

At last the princess heard of it and wished to see the woman; and when she came the princess said, "The prince does not sell the fruit of his garden:" but, snipping off a bunch of grapes and dropping them into a little bag, she said, "He is always ready to give it away to the poor." Now, here is the rich cluster of gospel salvation from the true vine. My Lord will not sell it, but he is always ready to give it away to all who humbly ask for it and if you want it come and take it, and take it now by believing in Jesus.

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