

The High Cost of Mercy

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The cost of showing mercy to others is total rejection by the world and persecution from those who do not understand or accept God's mercy.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the theme of God's mercy throughout the Old and New Testaments. He highlights the cost that God and Jesus paid for the mercy that was extended to sinful mankind. The preacher also emphasizes the importance of believers being merciful as their Father is merciful. He urges the congregation to understand the high cost of mercy and the need for a deep understanding of the body of Christ, the church. The sermon concludes with a reminder to love enemies, do good, lend without expecting anything in return, and to not judge or condemn others.

Transcript

Thank God he makes provisions. The high cost of mercy. I want you to turn to Luke, the sixth chapter, if you will please.

The sixth chapter of Luke, beginning at verse 35. But love ye your enemies and do good and lend, hoping for nothing again, and your rewards shall be great. You shall be the children of the highest, for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

That's quite a statement. I repeat it, for he, God, is kind to the unthankful and to the evil. Be ye, now, if you don't have this next verse, verse 36, underlined in your Bible, you should have it underlined.

And if you haven't done it, do it now. And if you have a Bible that you can underline, give it away and get one that you can underline. And be ye, therefore, merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

Judge not, and you shall not be judged, and condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you shall be forgiven. Give, it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, shall men give unto your bosom.

For with the same measure that you meet without, it shall be measured back again to you. Lord Jesus, will you, by your Spirit, open our minds and our hearts to the truth of your mercy? Lord, let us see the fullness

of it. Let us not just see it as a word.

Let us not try to find a definition from a dictionary, but know the heart of God. To know your heart, Lord, speak from your heart. Speak by your Spirit.

Sanctify this vessel, purge it and cleanse it, that it may come with a pure word to the heart of every heart that is open here this morning. Let us rejoice in the word, and let us feast upon it, and let us take it home, and let us take it into our hearts and our lives, and be changed by it. Lord, in this changing world, when things are upside down, your word is steady, and steadfast, and sure, and it's an anchor for our souls.

So we thank you for it, in Jesus' name, amen. There's a theme runs all through the scripture, Old Testament, New Testament, and it's this. The Lord, your God, is a merciful God.

You find it in the New Testament over and over again. The Lord, your God, is gracious, he's kind, he's merciful. Likewise, be ye merciful as your Father is merciful.

Now, we know somewhat about the cost that God paid, and that Christ paid for the mercy that was shed upon lost mankind. God didn't give up on a sinful mankind. He didn't give up on the sinful outbreak of sin and debauchery in the world.

He looked upon a sin-soaked, disillusioned, godless situation, and he sent his own son. Now, the price Jesus paid is beyond calculation. We can't calculate the pain, the spiritual pain, the eternal pain, the taking of the sins of the whole world upon himself.

But we do get hints in the New Testament of the human suffering and the pain and the cost it was to shed that mercy and to show it. You know that he was rejected by everything that was called religion. He became the song of drunkards, according to the psalmist.

He would become the song of drunkards. Those who were high in society, the intellectual, the poor, the uneducated, the unintelligent, all of humanity mocked, rejected. Then they crucified him, nailed him to a cross, rejected.

And you see, we know something of the cost of God's side of showing mercy, extending mercy to a lost world. And he found you and he found me in our lost condition. And the mercy that he showed you is, we preach about a free mercy, unmerited mercy, unmerited grace, unmerited love, that God was so fully satisfied with the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, fully paid.

We talk about free grace, we talk about free mercy, and it's true. That is the gospel of Jesus' grace. The mercy that was shown to you and me was such a powerful mercy, and it was not going to cost you anything.

He paid the price, and God's fully satisfied with that price, with that mercy that was shown, fully paid, free mercy, free grace. But there is a cost on the human side. There is a cost in working out that mercy in your human life, in our everyday life.

There is a high price. It's a very costly mercy that's been shown to us. Jesus paid it in the human flesh.

He paid a price. And it's the same price that you and I are going to pay. We're gonna pay the price, the cost to our human flesh will be total rejection.

Society will never accept you if Jesus Christ is the cause and the meaning of your mercy and grace. If you're in a ministry, if you're a teaching ministry, if you are in any way a messenger of Christ, a vessel, a testimony, you cannot accept or ever think that you're gonna be accepted by the world. You're going to be rejected.

If you're going to be merciful to the world, he said, be merciful. And this concept of working out the mercy of God, we received this free grace. Yes, it cost the father, his own son, it cost Jesus here on earth, giving up his heavenly position and come here and take on our human flesh.

But in that human flesh, working out the mercy is an example to all mankind. In other words, Jesus said, I'm going to show you the cost of mercy. And it is total rejection by the world.

And folks, there is going to come a persecution to everyone that has received the mercy of grace, the mercy and the love of God. And when you speak this, I've talked to some of you that are in Teen Challenge and you're director or you're a minister or worker, don't ever expect your ministry to be applauded by the world or accepted by the world. If Jesus Christ is the center of it, and Christ is being exalted, the more Christ is exalted, the more you show forth the mercy of Christ and exalt him as a source of that mercy, all the more you're going to be rejected by the world, the world system.

You're going to be rejected by a compromised church. And there's not going to be any greater persecution come upon a Christ-centered ministry in these last days than from the backslidden compromised church. It will come from religious circles.

Most of the pain that was inflicted on Christ, the persecution, the rejection came from religious orders, from religious organization, from the scribes and the Pharisees and the Sadducees. And you're going to... I get suspicious of any church wanting to be accepted. You're not going to get accepted if your church is preaching Christ, if he's the center of everything.

And if you're going to exalt the mercy of Christ as it was ordained, you're going to be literally considered the scum of the earth, according to Paul. At Times Square Church, the closer we get to the heart of his message of mercy, and the more we show mercy. When Teen Challenge was founded, and after a few years, and many drug addicts saved, and they had experienced at least two years of walking with Christ, no drugs, and many of them now going to Bible school and considering social work.

And I've called to a medical conference here in New York City. Rockefeller was the governor of New York at the time, and it was Governor Rockefeller's multimillion dollar program, and it had failed. They couldn't find a single cure for a drug addict after millions of dollars were being spent on his program.

And I was invited to one of the conferences where doctors and others all got together, and the theme of it, actually by a few psychiatrists, was that there is no known cure for the drug addict. No known cure. And I had with me, it was eight or 10 drug addicts had been healed by the Holy Ghost, and clean.

And we had two, I think two of them gave a short testimony how the Lord had set them free, and they had no desire for drugs, and they were going to go into ministry and so forth, and I gave up and gave just a short thing how Jesus Christ changed his lives. Well, folks, the man that followed me, a psychiatrist, got up after the testimonies, after evidence, they're all sitting right in the front, and the psychiatrist said, now we know, after all that we've done and spent, there is no known cure for the drug addict. And a doctor, who evidently liked what he heard, turned to me and said, where has he been? Was he not in the service? You

see, it's never going to be accepted because Christ is the center of it.

And you see, what's happening now, especially in parachurch ministries, the devil cannot handle the mercy of God. Because you see, he's convinced that he has, through a plague of drug addiction, bringing in drugs from Colombia and from Afghanistan and from all over the world, and here is a gospel nation that sent out missionaries for many, many years, evangelizing the world and sending missionaries and doing damage to his kingdom. So he decided he's going to narcotize the whole generation.

He's going to flood this nation and the world with exotic drugs, far worse than... When I first came to New York here, mostly it was marijuana. There was not a plague of heroin. Heroin hit the end of 1958 and 1959.

Heroin hit this nation, but at that time it was pot. That was about it. And those that are on prescription drugs.

And the devil decided he's going to narcotize. He knows his time is short, so he's going to narcotize the whole young generation. And he brought in meth, crystal meth.

He brought in oxycontin. He brought in all of these drugs and he's going to immune the generation from the mercy of God. He's going to immunize them.

He's going to narcotize them, take them out of their minds and put up his bears and said, not even God's mercy can touch them. And so you found, and it's been that way in 1960. I walked through Brooklyn and on those rooftops and those that work with us, we brought in workers from all over the United States from Bible schools.

Just, you know, they had no experience. They were frightened. But we had a chapel down there on 16th at Clinton Avenue.

And every day in that chapel on their knees, fasting and praying and say, God, you're able. And the devil could not stop what the Holy Ghost was about to do. And he's not been able to stop it ever since.

The devil came then with the alcohol. He said, I'm going to go to every college campus and I'm going to send a party spirit. Now, folks, you know, if you've been seeing and listening to the news that college campuses now are drunken sprees.

For the most part, absolute drunkenness, barrels of wine and alcohol and beer and trying to numb the minds of the young people. So the church is totally irrelevant. And so any gospel message can be mocked and not heard.

Just the distant voice somewhere out there. And folks, this this is it's an amazing thing about the mercy of God. The devil hates and despises it and has done everything to stop this.

This mercy that the Holy Ghost comes to reveal in Christ Jesus. But the Holy Spirit came to the rooftops. He went down into Brooklyn and found some of the worst nobodies in this city.

Some of them just raving with sin and murder in their hearts and and bitterness and rebellion and drunkenness and alcoholism. And he picked up all of these. He picked up Nikki Cruz.

And if it here on Wednesday night here, I had Nikki Cruz on my side here. And here's Sonny Argonzoni, who was the first heroin addict to be saved in Teen Challenge in 1959. And here he is.

He's now a bishop of over 600 drug addict churches around the world. And here is Nikki Cruz, who's preached to 250 million people around the world with millions saved. And here was Israel Narvaez.

I hadn't seen him in years. And glorifying Jesus from this pulpit right here. He was the one who organized and put together the worst gang in New York years ago, the Maumaus.

And here he was now after all these years of testimony of Jesus Christ. And now all over the world in Afghanistan and in Muslim countries, moving of the Holy Spirit, drug addicts, alcoholics, prostitutes. I preach for Sonny Argonzoni's conference last year and 16000 in the congregation and 1000 in the ladies choir.

And the only way you could be in that choir was to be a street walking prostitute saved by the blood of Jesus Christ. I want you to picture with me. Go back into the history of Paul, the apostle.

We're talking about the cost. And folks, if you really understand the cost of being merciful, becoming merciful as Jesus said, I am merciful, be merciful as I am merciful. It is really going to cost you a very high price.

It's going to cost you a confrontation about the knowledge of the body of Jesus Christ, the actual body of Jesus Christ. I'm talking about the church. And God was going to take one of the worst sinners by his own confession on the earth.

Saul, persecutor, proud, arrogant Pharisee going about harassing Jesus people. And you picture this one day he approaches the high priest office and he asked for an audience and the secretary of, I suppose, are one of the attendant priest goes into the high priest office and said that that young zealot, that young man who's trying to says that he can wipe out this Jesus movement and he's been putting them all in jail and he's asking for permission to take his crusade to Damascus. And he's just come from that episode with Stephen where he was stoned and he stood there and he was a part of the stoning of Stephen.

And he wants letters of permission to go to the synagogue leaders in Damascus and jail as many Jesus people as he can find. And folks, when he left Jerusalem, headed with his little motley crew, his crusaders against Jesus Christ, he was applauded. They cheered him.

And there's the high priest and all of the Pharisees cheering this man because the more Christians he jailed, the more believers, the more popular, the more accepted he was. And on his way to Damascus, there was a prick in his conscience to keep pricking him time and time again. He couldn't shake it.

He couldn't get away from this pricking of his conscience, because when Stephen was being stoned, he looked up and he saw Jesus standing on by the throne. And he said, I see the son of God. And you see, this is what the Jesus people were calling him, the very son of God.

And there had to be something of the Holy Spirit. And it pricked his conscience and kept pricking him on his way to Damascus. If he's if that is right, if he really sees Jesus, this one I'm persecuting and he's up there and Stephen is here and he's become his name, there's something bigger than us.

There's something beyond my comprehension there. There's some massive, incredible thing happening here. I may be in trouble.

And halfway outside, when he approaches Damascus, mercy falls upon Saul. Mercy shines on him. A great light came in the mercy of God.

Comprehend this kind of mercy. The number one Jesus persecuted the number one man on this earth who was determined to wipe out the name of Jesus from this earth. You talk about people taking Jesus name or God's name out of the courts and out of the schools.

That was nothing compared to this man because he was trying to kill this thing in its infancy. And the light shines and the light throws him on his face on the ground. And remember this.

He's not the mercy does not rebuke him. Mercy does not examine him, does not accuse him. A voice comes, Saul, Saul.

And Saul says, who is this? There was a voice and this was the voice of mercy. It didn't condemn him. It didn't say you are in trouble.

I have you now. Now you're going to pay the price for trying to kill the very reason for my death. No, Jesus said, Saul, Saul, you're persecuting me.

I'm Jesus. I'm the one you're touching. Paul was shocked.

He was overwhelmed. The Holy Spirit was about to show him the body of Christ. And until we see it, until we see that we're connected, Jesus is the head in glory and everyone who believes in his name is connected bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh.

And until we understand that everything we say and do against the brother or sister, it's not against that brother. It's not against that sister. It's against Jesus.

It is his very body. I am Jesus. You find Saul being led into a little room in a street called straight.

And for three days, Holy Spirit is opening his mind so the church, I have a church here. I'm in glory, but I have a body here. I have a spiritual body and it consists of everyone who knows my name, has received my heart and has brought their sins to me through the blood of the cross.

And I have a body in every Christian that you've touched. You've touched me. Everyone you've jailed.

You was against me. And can you imagine him? And I've always had a hint in my heart that the messenger of Satan was that voice of the devil that would come over and over, said and Paul never forgot that moment with with when he agreed and participated in the stoning of Stephen because later on in his life, he said, I was there, I participated in that voice of the devil saying, how can you ever be forgiven of that? How could you have tried to wipe out this man and his name? Oh, the mercy of God. He said, be merciful as I am merciful.

And you know, the cost of Paul, because Ananias laid his hand on his head. And in essence, this is what he said. Now you're going to know the cost of this mercy.

It's going to cost you suffering and pain. It's going to cost you rejection. And you you you listen to what Paul warned the church.

And this is the price Jesus paid. It's the price Paul paid. It's the price you and I pay.

If we're going to stay in close to the heart of Jesus and exalt his name, the rest of our lives, men shall hate you. This is what Jesus said. They'll separate you from their company.

They will withdraw from you. They'll reproach you. And cast out your name as evil for the son of man's sake or for my sake.

Paul said we labor with our hands, but they revile us. We bless the people and they persecute us. They defame us.

We are considered as the filth of the world. Now, hear this. Any one of you who want to be accepted on the job, any one of you want to be accepted by the world, any one of you want to make a name for yourself and and get a reward down here or plaques and the city council and all of these ministries are trying to be accepted and make an impact through acceptance.

It doesn't work. Because when you go that way, the devil said, look, I want to help you and he'll get you he'll get you government money. The government, you know, go ahead and take the government's money, but you're going to wind up as another charity with just an empty charity doing good works, but no power of the Holy Ghost to change a life.

That's why we don't accept any government money. We turn down. If they offered one hundred million dollars, we would not accept it because the devil says, just let me get a piece of the action.

Let's let me get in there so that God doesn't get the glory and so they can mar the power of God's grace and mercy. I'm sorry, I didn't mean to say that, but maybe the Holy Ghost meant to say it. We are considered.

We are considered as the filth of the world, the off scouring. And that word means scum of all things to this very day. And then Jesus said again, remember what I'm telling you.

The servant is not greater than his Lord. If they persecuted you, me, they are going to persecute you. And then he says when they persecute you, rejoice and be glad.

Now, it's hard thing to swallow. Rejoice and be glad. That's part of the price.

But I tell you, the greatest cost of mercy is to face this. Revelation was given to Paul. We are not going to understand mercy and we will not be a merciful person if we don't see this right now around the world.

Tribe is rising against tribe. It's that's what's happening right now in Zimbabwe. These are tribal wars bringing poverty.

You know, I hear people saying, why does God sit by and all these starving people in the world and they blaming God and whole generation losing their faith, saying if God was a God of love, he wouldn't allow this. They forget that those nations are under a religion, a religion that keeps them in poverty. And all of these dictators and all of these tribal wars have been going on for centuries.

And now in Europe. There's racial tension here in the United States. Racial tension, I think, is one of the great tricks of the enemy.

It's sweeping over the nation. It's creeping into churches all over the United States. Horrible, awful racial tension, whether it's Hispanic, whether it's between black and white and so forth.

And folks, I say to you that I have the heart of God right now. And I want to tell you something. It's not a matter of my being white.

It's not a matter of my being or you being black, Hispanic, yellow, brown has nothing to do with race. When you believe. The Christ has a body here.

And that when you gave your heart to Jesus, you became bound to that body. And when one hurts, we all hurt. And if you believe that you can't look at a man's skin.

You can't look at his ethnic background or his personal background. All you can do is to say, this is my brother. This is my sister.

I am a part of a body. And if I folks. You I've said it sometimes.

I say I have no prejudice in me. We all say I'm not a prejudiced person. But you see, from our backgrounds, from our histories and everything, there was a little seeds and things in our hearts that can rise up and hurt.

Folks, even in this election, don't allow yourself get away from this message of the body of Jesus Christ and being merciful, because you see, God's the one who raises up leaders and put down. And whatever happens, God is in control. He's the one that's in control.

And we accept that as God's God's purpose is being unfilled in his way. There was a time when this church, after five years or so, established the devil tried to destroy this church through some racial tension and God removed it. Folks, Paul, the apostle, came down to this.

He said, there's one body. There's one God, one Lord, one body. And Paul looked at this church and God said, that's my pearl of great price.

That's my bride for my son. Father said, that's my bride. God began to show Paul how he loved his church, how God loves his people and what a miracle it is to be a part of this body.

So that none of these things matter. None of these things are allowed to rise in. And Paul, the apostle, said, let me tell you where it all is.

Let me tell you how this works itself out. Be merciful. Hey, he's speaking to the Corinthian church that's turned against him.

He's speaking out of a framework of those who've turned against him. Churches that he established and they don't even recognize him. In fact, they find fault with him.

But you see, they're Christians being worked upon. They have their faults and they have their sins. They have their failures.

And some of them were calling Paul a fraud. And Paul is in prison. He winds all after all of this sacrifice and all of this.

He's isolated in a prison and others are taking over the work and some of them are saying Paul is not even welcome in this place. But Paul saw the body of Christ and he said these, this words, he said, you have all become very dear to me. You have my heart.

I don't want to be accepted by elders or pastors or choir. Or congregation because of preaching. Not even my walk, nor should you.

That's not what binds us. I have to be, I want to be able to look at you and you should be able to look at me and everyone in this congregation. And something in your heart says, you're becoming very dear to me.

I love you. I appreciate you. And you look beyond color.

You look beyond faults and failures. You're not trying to dig something out. You're not trying to justify anything because you see you're a part of the body and here's Christ, the head and the life that's in him begins to flow through us.

And then we can say, we can love our enemies even. Love your enemies. He said, don't talk, don't gossip.

Look at that one that may have hurt you and say, Lord, put a love in my heart. And so that you could say as Paul, even to those who oppressed against or stood against him. I don't care what you say.

I don't care where you are. I care about you and your walk. I'm going to tell you, no matter how you feel about me, I say before the Lord who, to which I'm going to, before who I'm going to stand soon.

He says, is that a prison? Church, you're close to my heart. I love you. You're very dear to me.

All that the church, that Times Square church, the choir, everyone, when you embrace, it's not, you see, that's just an emotional thing. Just bracing and hugging. They do that in Hollywood.

Everybody calls everybody else sweetheart and they kiss each other on the cheek and they're ready to put a knife in your back. So just a hug. No, something of the Holy Spirit, something of a revelation.

I'm in the body. I belong to the body of Jesus Christ. He belongs to the body.

We're all one. That solves all gossip. That solves all racial tension.

It solves everything because we're the body of Jesus Christ. Will you stand? Glory be to God. I am not boasting, but I'm telling you, you have heard something of the heart of God this morning.

I have not sensed any racial tension in this house, but the Lord's putting up a firewall. He's putting a firewall. Weren't you glad you're one of these, part of this great body of Christ? Lord, we humble ourselves before you this morning.

Would you give us Holy Spirit of revelation? Lord, I'm so weak at trying to make this understood, but Lord, you're showing me what I need. And I know that I can't be merciful as you're merciful unless I can see this body. This oneness between Christ and his church and how we're united in him.

How we're just one pearl with radiant beams shining out of this one pearl of great price. Lord, yes, it's going to cost us. When we think now of saying something out of the flesh to one of our brothers or sisters, it's not just going to the prayer room and say, well, Lord, forgive me, and thinking it's just between two people.

Lord, when we give someone the cold shoulder and when we just back away from somebody and we isolate them, and we think we're just, that's between individuals. Well, that's just between me and her. It's between me and him.

No, no, no. Lord, show us it's not between individuals. And we can't just go to a prayer room and say, forgive me, Jesus, without realizing we've got to go back to the body, to that person, that one that we wounded.

We wounded Jesus. Every racial slur, every racial thought that is not like Christ is a wounding of Christ himself. And when we see that, that when it goes beyond individuals, it goes beyond just things we say to each other.

Oh God, let us see how we have wounded you. Jesus said, you've done it one of the least of mine. Children, you've done it unto me.

So forgive us and give us an open heart to see how serious this is, and yet how glorious it is. Lord, put a guard at my tongue and put a wall around my mind and let these things from Satan come against that wall and let me know that I have to go to the cross and I have to ask the Holy Spirit to make me merciful as Christ is merciful. Hallelujah.

I need to talk to the Holy Spirit here a minute quietly. Would you, do you have an appropriate? Let's just stand in his presence, folks. Please don't be in a hurry.

The Holy Spirit's speaking to our hearts as we worship him now for a moment in the annex and wherever you may be. Would you open your heart to the truth? Would you let the Holy Spirit examine your heart? Lord, is this an issue in my soul? Is there anyone that I've cut off from fellowship? Is there, are there thoughts in my mind that are not according to the mercy of Christ? I'm asking God, I need help on this. I need help.

I'm trying not to listen to the news anymore. I don't want to get riled up by these things that are being kicked around and causing even Christians, even those who've walked with God to get so excited. Involved in, they're stepping outside of the body.

They're stepping outside of this mercy. God wants us to come back into this relation. Let's sing this and I'll give an invitation just a moment.

I'm not going to name any issue. I'm not going to give you an issue that I think you may be dealing with. The Holy Spirit is the one who speaks to our hearts.

But I'm going to open the front of this church where you can just step up your seat and come for prayer. If you are saying, Brother Dave, during the message, God's dealing with me. If God's dealing with you about something, I don't know what it may be.

Would you just step up your seat? We'll pray, believe God for you. In the annex where you can step forward between the screens just so you don't block the vision of the screens. And I'll pray for you.

And we'll believe the Lord. And this body will pray for you. If you don't know Christ or if you've actually, you've turned away from his love and you're here and you're empty and you're, you just, God's speaking to you.

It's all I can, it's all I receive from Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit's speaking to you. Get out of your seat up on the balcony, go the stairs on either side, come down and meet me right here.

Please move in close for those that are coming. And we're going to have prayer. Please hold steady so the Holy Spirit is not interrupted in his work.

You can still come while I'm talking. Would you look this way, please? You that have come forward, by coming forward, you're making a confession that you have a need and that you're open and you want God to meet that need. That's why you came down here.

We don't need to know what that is. We all have needs, but I presume you feel a very special urgency about your need. God said if we agree together, if two or three agree concerning anything on earth, it shall be done to the Father in heaven.

We'd like to agree with you now. If you need healing, you need to make a confession. I'm not going to go into what you may need to do.

The Holy Spirit speaks. He has a voice. He abides and he will lead you if you'll keep your heart open.

Will you pray this prayer with me? Lord Jesus, I come to you with my need. And I believe your word that I can cast it on you because you care for me. Lord, renew my faith.

I want to trust you through what I'm going through. I ask you to forgive my unbelief. And here and now by faith, I receive the promise that you are with me, that you love me, that you're going to keep me, and you're going to touch me.

Now, I want everyone in this house. Now, if you're visiting and this doesn't appeal to you, I mean, the Bible said, I would every man everywhere lift holy hands. And that's just reaching out to him.

And I want everyone in this building in the annex. I want you to just begin to thank God that you are part of something greater than yourself, greater than ourselves. We're a part of the body of Jesus Christ.

We're not one in politics. We're not even separated by politics because we cannot be touched. We're in the body of Jesus Christ.

And the devil there has no power. He has no authority. So we're to rejoice and be glad.

Lord, thank you. Thank him right now. Give him thanks for touching you.

Come on, give him praise. Lord, we praise you. Hallelujah.

Lord, we glorify you. We are one in Christ. We are one in Jesus.

One body, one spirit, one Lord, one body. Glory be to Jesus. Folks, you know your pastor of this church who never tried to work up the Holy Spirit.

But I want you before you close in the annex, wherever you are, the Bible says, clap your hands and make a joyful noise. Listen to it. Wait, noise.

Make a joyful noise. Clap your hand. No man being praised.

Nobody shines here but Jesus. Nobody. So wait, wait, wait, wait, wait.

Just hold. I want you to give the Lord the greatest noisy hand clap he's ever received in this church. And in the annex, let's just give him a praise.

Look, the next service is at three and then at six o'clock. God's going to be moving all through this day. Fine.

Find as many as you can. You can embrace. No mixing of the sexes, if you will, please.

But shake hands with as many as you can. All out there. Show the theater crowd, show everybody the love of Jesus, that we love one another.

And we walk out of here with a smile on our face and the joy of God in our heart. God bless you. Amen.

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