

# Such a Wretch You Would Have Been!

by Thomas Brooks

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*The sermon emphasizes the rarity of God's saving love and the importance of recognizing the gifts and knowledge that He has given us.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 103:10-12, Jeremiah 31:3, John 3:16, Romans 5:8, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5, 1 John 4:19

**Topics:** "Transformation in Christ", "God's Grace"

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the profound difference that God's everlasting love and grace make in the lives of believers. He reflects on the rarity of God's saving love and the gifts of knowledge and purity that set Christians apart from the wicked. Brooks urges the congregation to recognize their former state of wretchedness without Christ and to appreciate the transformative power of His grace that has washed, sanctified, and justified them. He calls for gratitude towards God for the glorious gifts bestowed upon them, which they did not earn but received through His loving-kindness.

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## Transcript

"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness." Jeremiah 31:3

There are but few upon whom God bestows His saving love.

Tell me, are not the gifts which Christ has given you--rare gifts? What would you have been--if Christ had not made a difference between you and others--by those glorious gifts which He has conferred upon you? You look upon some, and see they are very ignorant of spiritual truth. O! What would you have been--if God had not bestowed saving knowledge upon you? You look upon others who are unclean, profane,

and filthy. Why! such a wretch you would have been--if the Lord had not made a difference between you and them, by bestowing Himself, His grace, and Spirit upon you.

"Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were! But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

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