

An Inheritance For Us Reserved In Heaven

1 Peter 1:3-4, Exodus 25:17, Habakkuk
3:2, Matthew 5:7, 2 Chronicles 36:16-
17, Acts 20:32, Acts 26:18, Ephesians
1:11, Ephesians 1:14, Ephesians
1:18, Colossians 3:24, 1 Corinthians 13:7

Mercy

A large wooden cross stands in a misty, purple-hued landscape. The cross is made of dark wood and is the central focus of the image. The background is a soft, ethereal glow of purple and blue, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is solemn and reflective.

- The first instance of mercy in the Old Testament is seen in the Mercy Seat on the Ark of the Covenant
- The Mercy seat was solid gold as gold, an untarnished, eternal, pure, and precious metal stands for divinity.
- Mercy was important to Peter since, after the resurrection, Jesus sought him out, showing him mercy by forgiveness.
- The last mention of “mercy” in the Old Testament is in Habakkuk with the remembrance of mercy in wrath.
- The first mention of mercy in the New Testament is found in Matthew 5:7 in the Beatitudes.

A Living Hope



- Three words that characterize God's motivation towards us are:
 - Love
 - Grace
 - Mercy
- Grace and mercy flow from the love of God.
- We have transformed from dead bondage into a living hope.
- A living hope continues to multiply and grow stronger.
- There is a difference between a living hope and living "in" hope.
- Christian hope would be futile without the resurrection.

An Inheritance Awaits Us

A large, weathered wooden cross stands on a hill against a dark, misty background. The cross is made of two thick wooden beams, one vertical and one horizontal, with a smaller horizontal beam at the top. The wood is dark and shows signs of age and weathering. The background is a deep purple and blue gradient, suggesting a sunset or sunrise over a landscape. The overall mood is solemn and contemplative.

- A heavenly inheritance awaits us.
- Our inheritance is spiritual and eternal.
- Those who have been declared holy will share the joy and privilege of heaven together.
- Our inheritance is a blessing.
- Our inheritance is imperishable, undefiled, unfading, and reserved in heaven for us.

Conclusion

A large, weathered wooden cross stands in a misty, purple-hued landscape. The cross is the central focus, with its vertical post and horizontal arms clearly visible. The background is a soft, ethereal glow of purple and blue, suggesting a dawn or dusk setting. The overall mood is solemn and contemplative.

- An inheritance is reserved for us in heaven.
- Only when we are removed from the presence of sin, can we know and appreciate God's reserved inheritance.
- Our living hope cannot disappoint, because its roots lie with a merciful God.
- Hope will endure through the most adverse circumstances.
- Our confidence lies in this living hope that God has given to us through His great mercy.