

When Grace Rewrites the Heart

Devotional

“Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardoneth iniquity... He delighteth in mercy.” — Micah 7:18 (King James Version)

“Love your enemies... that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven.” — Matthew 5:44-45 (King James Version)

Loving our neighbour is challenging enough because it often demands patience, forgiveness, and selflessness. Yet loving our enemies takes us into an entirely different realm of Christian discipleship. It asks us to respond to hatred with kindness, to rejection with grace, and to injury with blessing. This is not natural; it is supernatural. It is the very character of God at work within us. The God who delights in showing mercy calls His children to reflect that same mercy, even towards those who oppose them.

This transformation does not happen overnight. It is the quiet work of the Holy Spirit as we yield ourselves to Christ day after day. As we grow in His likeness, something remarkable begins to happen. The bitterness that once consumed us gradually loses its hold. The desire for revenge gives way to compassion. A stage can come in the Christian life when we no longer harbour anger against those who hate us. Instead, we genuinely look for opportunities to do them good, not because they deserve it, but because Christ has been infinitely gracious to us.

Our enemies may never understand our actions. They may reject our kindness, question our motives, or never return our goodwill. That is not our responsibility. Our calling is to obey Christ and to reflect the Father’s heart. Every act of undeserved kindness proclaims that the Gospel has triumphed over the natural human heart. When mercy overcomes resentment and love conquers hatred, the world catches a glimpse of the God who “delighteth in mercy.”