

"Surely Goodness and Mercy will Follow Me..."

Outline

I. Core Belief – Ps 100

A. Essence of the Ps 23

I am the Good Shepherd (John 10:11)

John 3:16

B. Basis of our Faith

I John 4:19 ...because He first loved

Eph 2:3-5 – "mercy", "grace"

He 4:15-16 – "confidence"

C. Our Peace

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1. Physical safety – "I will both lay me down in **peace**, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety."
Psalm 4:8 (in Context)

2. Emotional Security -Phil 4:6-7 "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

3. Spiritual Security – Rom 8:38 – "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,^[K] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

II. Blessed to be a Blessing – Ro 12:1 – “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.”

A. Sheep impact on landscape

B. The example He set – Ps 116:12 ¹² What shall I return to the LORD for
all his goodness to me?

Phil 2:1-18 – this mind-set

I John 3:16– This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

C. The evidence of His Spirit

I John 4:19 – We love because He first loved us

Col 3:11-13 – compassion, humility, gentleness, patience
bear with one another, forgive

2 Pe 1:3-11

Gal 5:22-23 –

*love	*forbearance	*faithfulness
*joy	*kindness	*gentleness
*peace	*goodness	*self-control

Mercy

Matt 5:6-8 – “for they will be shown mercy”

Matt 18:21-34 – “mercy”

Forgiveness

Matt 18:21-22 – Then Peter came to Jesus and asked,
“Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister
who sins against me? Up to seven times?” ²² Jesus
answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven
times.

III Do I Believe it? – Rom 4:21

A. John 10:10 – Do I believe that He desires life _____?

B. Jer 29:11 – Do I believe He has plans to _____?

C. Ro 4:21 – Do I believe that He has to the _____ to
accomplish what He has _____?

2 Ti 1:12

¹²For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.