

Lewiston Church of Christ

November 27, 2022

 **MESSENGER** *Growing Friendships, Families & Faith.*



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Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship 10:45 AM
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Equal Mercy

“Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” (Luke 17:13).

Seeing Jesus pass by, ten suffering lepers equally wanted to be cured. They let Jesus know and He equally healed all ten. Each one benefited equally from the power and mercy of Jesus, giving all ten equal reasons to be grateful.

However, equality is not the point of this story--gratitude is. Equal mercy, equal healing, and equal blessing came to all ten. But equal gratitude did not result. Only one had a heart grateful enough to turn back to give glory to God and thank Jesus for His mercy. And he was a “foreigner.” (Luke 17:18). Foreigners, we know, did not enjoy full equality in ancient Israel. Yet, it was the foreigner who was grateful.

Gratitude is more important than equality. To this day, when benefits are distributed equally, gratitude remains exceptional. You can spend your life pursuing equality and make gains in that endeavor, but if your gratitude does not grow, your bitterness will. Grievance-grinders will always find reasons to keep themselves and others upset and dissatisfied. Americans today live at a level of luxury and blessing that few humans in history could imagine. Yet many are profoundly ungrateful and angry. Why?

The apostle Paul knew why. It is the peace of Christ ruling in your heart and not the circumstances around you that cultivates gratitude. Paul wrote, “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.” (Colossians 3:15, emphasis added).

The good news of God’s mercy and eternal salvation through Jesus is offered equally to all who repent and willingly obey the gospel. But all do not equally chose to respond with a penitent and willing heart. But the offer stands. No matter how unjust this world is, you can still let the peace of Christ rule in your heart.

_____Joel Solliday

