**Christ the loving mercy of God Luke 1:49 -50**

**Focal Truth: Jesus Christ is God’s loving mercy to every generation**

Joy to the world the Lord is come!

Loving mercy has come to every generation in Jesus Christ the Lord!

1. **Mary glorifies the God of loving mercy who saves 1:46**

*My soul exalts the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior*

1. Mary exalts the Lord with her soul – her mind, will, emotions, passions
2. Mary rejoices in her spirit in the God who saves
3. Mary rejoices that she is chosen to be the mother of Jesus Christ
4. Mary rejoices in two miraculous births – Elizabeth giving birth in old age & Mary giving birth by the Holy Spirit as a virgin!

**These two events reveal the loving mercy of God on all generations to come after them!**

1. **Mary glorifies the God of loving mercy who does great things 1:49**

*For the mighty one has done great things for me*, and holy is His name

1. He has done great things for me
2. He has done mighty deeds with His arm – 1:51
3. He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their hearts – 1:51
4. He has brought down rulers from their thrones – 1:52
5. He has exalted the humble – 1:52
6. Ps. 107:9 – He has filled the hungry with good things – 1:53
7. He has sent away the rich empty – handed – 1:53

Today let’s pause to praise God’s loving mercy shown to us in Jesus Christ

God in loving mercy has forgiven us

God in loving mercy has saved us

God in loving mercy has protected us

God in loving mercy has disciplined us

God in loving mercy has answered us

God in loving mercy has provided for us

1. ***Mary glorifies the God of faithful loving mercy to all generations 1:50***

Ps. 103:17 – *and His mercy is upon generation after generation toward those who fear him -* ***Mercy = eleos -= kindness toward the miserable & afflicted with a desire to help***

1. Eph. 2:4 – God being **rich in mercy**, because of **His great love** with which He loved us

*Let’s meditate on these great perfections of God in Jesus Christ*

God is rich in mercy through the Lord Jesus Christ

God is great in love through the Lord Jesus Christ

God is merciful love through the Lord Jesus Christ

God is loving mercy through the Lord Jesus Christ

God’s mercy is expressed in love through the Lord Jesus Christ

God’s love is always merciful through the Lord Jesus Christ

1. His loving mercy is from generation to generation – 1:50

God’s loving mercy is unending

God’s loving mercy is abounding

God’s loving mercy is unfailing

1. His loving mercy is toward those who fear him – 1:50

God’s merciful love is faithful

God’s merciful love is gracious

God’s merciful love is personal

1. He helped Israel in loving mercy through the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ in remembrance of His mercy – 1:54 – 55

God’s loving mercy is reliable

God’s loving mercy is faithful

Lam. 3:22 – *the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end, great is Your faithfulness*

Today, let’s consider God’s faithful loving mercy in Jesus Christ

**Have you considered the ways God has shown loving mercy to you?**

**Are you thankful for His loving mercy to you?**

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. **Remember**: God is rich in mercy and great in love through the Lord Jesus Christ
2. **Rejoice!** God has saved you in loving mercy in Christ from sinful misery – Tit. 3:5
3. **Live!** Know the loving mercy of God for you in all your circumstances
4. **Pray!** The cry for loving mercy is always heard at the throne of grace Heb. 4:16

*Let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need*

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**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**