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BE GRATEFUL FOR GOD'S DELIVERANCE

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Good morning Church! This Psalm gives us this universal scope of the need of God's mercy in troubles of distress and a promised deliverance that results in the future universal worship of God. The psalm reflects the promise to Abraham that God would bless his descendants, and in Abraham, "all the families of the earth". As Christians, We are blessed by Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. He is our God, who we worship, obey and follow... The Lord Jesus has truly blessed our lives!

"And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed."

9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith."
... 13 "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"— 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith." Galatians 3:8-9, 13-14

READ, Psalm 67

"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah 2 that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! 6 The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. 7 God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!"

1. The Prayer for DIVINE MERCY (v 1-2)

"The Lord bless you and keep you; **25** the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; **26** the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." **Numbers 6:24-26**

• The PROMISE in the blessing is that God will be PRESENT.

2. The Call for <u>UNIVERSAL</u> <u>WORSHIP</u> (v 3-5)

"I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven" *Matthew 8:11*

• God's desire is to see all <u>PEOPLES</u> from many nations <u>PRAISE</u> the Lord.

"So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous."

Romans 11:11

3. The Hope of DIVINE BLESSINGS (v 6-7)

"For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility" **Ephesians 2:14**

Christians should always pursue...

- HOLINESS
- PEACE
- RIGHTEOUSNESS

Salvation through Jesus Christ

The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness. Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.