**HANDOUT Psalm 51:1-9**

**God’s Mercy and Our Commitment**

Back Story to Ps 51 🡪 2 Samuel 11-12

He **displeased** God,

He **despised** His Word,

He **scorned** God’s glory.

**Point 1: Our Need for Mercy v2-9**

The **sin underneath the sin** is David's rebellion against God.

**Application:**

Are you guilty of the sin of lying cheating ?

Are you guilty of the sin of stealing something is not yours ?

Are you guilty of the sin of envy ?

Are you guilty of the sin of withholding love for another?

Are you guilty of the sin of oppressing another person with your harsh words or even physically?

Are you guilty of lust?

Are you guilty of self righteousness ?

Are you guilty of pride ?

Are you guilty of hypocrisy ?

Are you guilty of slander or gossip?

Are you guilty of discontentment?

Perhaps something else….?

**Point 2: God is Full of Mercy v1**

**IS 43:25, 55:7**

Puritan Richard Sibbes- :

**“There is more mercy in Christ than sin in us.”**

*Believers, as we struggle in our souls for nearness to God, a restored sense of His favor and delight and new manifestations of His presence and power, we must learn to cry out to God from the depths--acknowledging God's holiness, our sin and rebellion, what our iniquities deserve and the great mercy of God in Christ that he continually shows us as we turn back to him from the depths. It is, in this way, that we will repeatedly experience in our souls the truth that there is "****more mercy in Christ than sin in us****"--as the Apostle boldly declared when he said,*

***"Where sin abounded, grace did abound much more"*** *(*[*Rom. 5:20*](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Rom.%205.20)*).*

Nick Batzig on his Reformation21 Blog

**Discussion / Application**

What brought David to the point of confessing His sin?

What was David like while hiding His sin? (See Ps 32:3-4)

What are some ways God hand may be heavy upon us, and express his opposition toward us (James 4:6, 1 Pet 5:5) if we are hiding our sin?

What might be some reasons we are hesitant to come to God for mercy and confess our sin before the Lord?

Discuss this statement: ‘The sin underneath the sin is David's rebellion against God’. Why may *this* be more serious than the sin itself?

How is the character of God in v1 expressed 3 ways, and how may understanding that help us to come to God for mercy?

Discuss the implications of this statement “Our commitment to one another is not motivated by what we are to do- but by what’s been done for us.”

How does unaddressed sin in our life hinder our communion with God, and our commitment to one another? To the Church?