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"I Obtained Mercy"

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Text: - I Tim 1:1-13.

Sub: - The nurture of the redeemed soul is of the greatest importance. The Psalmist cries out, "Bless the Lord, O my soul"; and all that is within me, "bless his holy name". All the faculties of mind and heart are called upon. Among these memory stands out as chief. In Old Testament Israel was exhorted to remember that it was the hand of the Lord that had redeemed them from Egypt.

Jesus spoke of the function of memory when he instituted the new covenant, the Sacrament of the Holy Communion. He said, "This do in remembrance of me". He spoke also of function of memory on part of those who were lost. "How, remember", said he to rich man.

In words of our text the apostle is looking at his past, he remembers what he was. He remembers also that he obtained mercy. He remembers his sin, but he can remember it in the light of God's grace. How does the fact of forgiveness affect the memory of sin?

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I. It Takes the sting out of memory of sin

1. Every sin leaves a print on the memory, but every unforgiven sin leaves a wound.

a. The unforgiven sin.

1. Joseph's brothers

2. David after sending back to battle

3. Herod when he heard of Jesus.

b. The forgiven sin.

1. Paul - saw Stephen - the men & women he had sent to prison.

But he can say, "I obtained mercy!"

2. So in your case - sins of youth, words, deeds, people you have wronged, talked about, tempted to sin, etc. Paul says of himself, "I was a blasphemer, etc. Can you say, 'I was - a man of unclean lips, a man of vengeful temper, mean enemy, of base desire, of self-indulgent life, - 'but I obtained mercy!'"

II. Makes memory of sin a means of grace,

1. Forgiveness removes sting, but leaves stain upon memory, the stain upon memory can be