

# Resting on Mercy Shown in the Remission of Sin

*And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.*

*Hebrews 9:22*

And now let me commend this remission by the shedding of blood to those who have not yet believed. Mr. Innis, a great Scotch minister, once visited an infidel who was dying. When he came to him the first time, he said, "Mr. Innis, I am relying on the mercy of God. God is merciful and He will never damn a man forever." When he got worse and was nearer death, Mr. Innis went to him again and he said, "Oh, Mr. Innis, my hope is gone, for I have been thinking if God is merciful, God is Just, too. And what if, instead of being merciful to me, He should be just to me? What would then become of me? I must give up my hope in the mere mercy of God. Tell me how to be saved!" Mr. Innis told him that Christ had died in the place of all believers—that God could be just and yet the justifier through the death of Christ. "Ah," he said, "Mr. Innis, there is something solid in that! I can rest on that. I cannot rest on anything else."

- C.H Spurgeon