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Yet, this same word gives tremendous hope to every hell-deserving sinner: "[Jesus] is the Saviour of **ALL** men, specially of those that believe....the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquities of us **ALL**....Who will have **ALL** men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth....Who gave Himself a ransom for **ALL**" (1 Tim. 4:10; Isa. 53:6; 1 Tim. 2:4,6).

Moreover, the God of **ALL** grace is able to give the most welcoming invitation to lost men: "Come unto Me, **ALL** ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest....**ALL** that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" (*Matt. 11:28; John 6:37*). Even John 3:16 contains the phrase "whosoever believeth in Him" which literally may be rendered "**ALL** who believe in Him" or "everyone who believes in Him."

Furthermore, this simple word is a great encouragement for daily living: "Casting **ALL** your care upon Him, for He careth for you" (*1 Pet. 5:7*). "And God is able to make **ALL** grace abound toward you; that ye, always having **ALL** sufficiency in **ALL** things, may abound to every good work" (*2 Cor. 9:8*).

And what a blessed future expectancy we have: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me **ALL** the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever" (*Psalm 23:6*). "God shall wipe away **ALL** tears from their eyes" (*Rev. 21:4*).

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