

# GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

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## Pardon For Sin And A Peace That Endureth

*Lamentations 5*

### FOR CHILDREN:

Complete the attached mobius loop experiment with your family or friends (*available for download on the May 2025 page on the church website*). Just like the line on the mobius loop continues forever, the author of Lamentations writes that God is King and reigns forever! Lamentations 5:19 says, "You, Lord, rule forever; Your throne is from generation to generation."

This truth brings us hope because it means that God outlasts any bad days that we experience in our lives. If it ever seems like bad people or bad problems are going to cause trouble forever, remember this: God is King! God is in charge! God is greater than any bad that we experience in life! And God will always come through on His promise to bring His people through every trouble!

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Weekly Memory Verse:

"Restore us to You, LORD;  
Renew our days as of old,"

Lamentations 5:21

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Weekly Affirmation:

**I Am Worthy, I Am Saved,  
I Am a Child of God!**

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### MAY 2025 GROWTH GOALS

- ◊ Read the Book of Lamentations (*plus final 50 Psalms*).
- ◊ Memorize one of the weekly memory verses.
- ◊ Watch the Bible Project video on the Book of Lamentations (*available on the website*).
- ◊ Express your relationship with God through journaling, a poem, or writing out some prayers this month.

### FOR THE GROWING CHRISTIAN:

Read Lamentations 4:1-12. Here the poet contrasts the happy conditions of former days with the somber condition the people are experiencing now. Of course, the former days only seemed happy, but the truth was the people were living outside God's will. They were selfish, mistreating one another, and placing their trust in anything but God. The people of Judah sought a happy life apart from God, but by abandoning His will death had overtaken them.

We must be careful to define "happiness" biblically (see *Psalms 1; Matt. 5:1-12*). Anything that we turn to for a sense of security, or for making us happy must be submitted first to the Lordship of Jesus. Christians aren't promised a "happy" life, but are called to pick up their crosses daily (*Luke 9:23-25*). Even so Christians are promised joy! Joy is not based on circumstances, but on God's truth that He cares deeply for us, is present with us, and has (*and will*) make us victors! This is the true source of life! (*Matt. 11:28-30; John 10:7-10; Phil. 4:4-7*).

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### FOR THE MATURE CHRISTIAN:

Read Lamentations 5:19-22. One can sense the pendulum swing felt by the poet and the people of Judah in this prayer-poem. On the one hand there is a proclamation of faith in God's mercy and restoration. On the other, a worry that perhaps the people have exhausted God's patience and care - maybe this time He has truly abandoned them. It's at this point that scholar, Timothy Willis, suggests the reader return to certain passages in Jeremiah as a response (*or a type of reminder*) to the sentiments expressed in these laments (e.g. *23:3-8; 30:1-3, 10-11; 31:31-34; 33:14-26*).

God does not want us unsure of our status in His eyes. Claim the power and righteousness that is promised to those in Christ, and live out a grace-responsive life with bold confidence!

# Mobius Loop Experiment!

You will need tape, something to write with, and scissors  
*(with an adult's help if necessary).*

## First, we'll make just a paper loop.

1. Cut along the right-most dotted line to get one of the two strips along the edge of this paper.
2. Make a loop with the paper by lining up the two short ends *(C above A and D above B, all facing up).*
3. Secure the ends together with tape *(scotch tape works best).*



## Now, make a mobius loop.

1. Repeat steps 1 & 2 above.
2. While holding the two short ends of the paper, twist once so that one set of letters is facing down. *(C will be on B and D will be on A).*
3. Secure the ends together with tape.



## Activity 1:

1. Draw a line along the middle of the first loop without picking up your pencil. Continue all the way around.
2. Repeat the previous step with the mobius loop *(you may need to twist the strip as you go along).*

## Where did you end up in each case? Is there any portion of the paper that you did not draw a line on?

You end up back where you started for both, but with the first loop, your line never reached the inside. With the mobius loop, you never had to turn the paper over to the back, but your line follows all the way around the paper.

## Activity 2:

1. Cut along your line around the middle of the first loop *(you may need an adult's help to get started).* Continue all the way around.
2. Repeat the previous step with the mobius loop *(you may need to twist the loop as you go along).*

The first loop just becomes two loops, but the mobius loop remains a single long twisted piece!



A

B

A

B

C

D

C

D