The side view and rear view mirrors in an automobile were designed for a driver to periodically take a quick glance at what is beside you and/or behind you. Mirrors are essential when it comes to driving safety. However, it was never intended for all your attention to remain there. When traveling the road of life, it is important to glance back into your “mirror” and remember how good God has been to you, how His grace has covered you and His mercy has kept you.

Taking a glance in the mirror requires that we take a look at our iniquity. Iniquity means something is deformed. There is something not right about each of us. We sin by thought, word and deed, by things done and things left undone. Prejudice is an iniquity of the mind and heart. To believe that someone is more or less valuable to God because of ethnicity, gender, educational level, etc is not right. Thinking that someone does not deserve forgiveness is a deformed way of thinking. Impatience, thinking that your time is more valuable than someone else’s time is, is an iniquity (it is a fruit that grows from the root of pride). Scripture reveals that Adam and Eve were the first to experience iniquity. They looked back at what they had done and experienced guilt and shame for the first time. They realized they were naked and exposed.

Many won’t go forward in their lives because they’re pre-occupied with looking back instead of pressing forward. Others don’t want to make changes because they’re too comfortable with how things used to be. Your past holds many things, good, bad and indifferent. There are things remembered, things forgotten, and things unknown. Often iniquity is difficult to identify because it is passed through our blood line and remains ‘under the skin’. It is becomes both ‘normal’ and ‘comfortable’. Because iniquity is located ‘under the skin’, it is possible to cover and camouflage it with language, law, avoidance, humor, etc. Do you cover your iniquities so that you do not have to deal with them? Do you cover your anger with sarcasm? Do you cover your pride with insecurity or perfectionism? Are you concerned about pleasing people than you are about pleasing God? Reflect for a moment and see if you can identify iniquity in your life. Reflecting is a good thing and it can help you understand where you have come from, but if you try to drive by using your mirrors instead of your windshield, you will crash.

The “good ole days” are behind you and God’s intended future stands in front of you. Now is the time to adjust your mirrors to help avoid blind spots. Jesus was bruised for your iniquities. He bled on the inside to redeem the inherited weaknesses of your nature. The Bible says that the sins of the father are visited to the 3rd and 4th generation. You may be suffering hurts on the inside because of iniquities your forefathers passed down to you, but you don’t have to pass them on to your children. Jesus was aware of how your past could serve as an obstacle to keep you from moving forward. He was aware of how life could blind side you. Therefore, He took care of your past before you began your journey and He is walking with you! Jesus was bruised on the inside so you could be healed from the inside out. Inner healing is possible because of the blood of Jesus! Hallelujah!

Walk around this table. Look at yourself in the mirrors. Each mirror is covered with iniquities that are often buried deep within. Ask God to search your mind, will and emotions and reveal to you the iniquities of your soul. Write your revelation down on one of the small hand mirrors. Now, pick up a prayer card. Pray over your iniquities and speak wholeness over your life. When you have completed the prayer, rejoice! Really! Shout Hallelujah! Your past has been wiped clean and your iniquities have been removed by the blood of Jesus. (Use one of the wipes provided to wipe your mirror clean. Take your prayer card with you as a reminder to keep looking ahead because the way has already been prepared by Jesus.)