



What is this TXT Fondue program about?

The purpose of this program is to explain what mercy is. When someone has an incorrect perception of what grace is, this can have a profound negative impact on his or her spiritual life. If you think mercy allows you to sin continually, your lifestyle will turn mercy into something cheap, while it is the most costly gift that you will ever get in your life. In many examples, the Bible explains how we can live in mercy without becoming spoiled children of prosperity who think everything is allowed. Mercy is about blood, judgment, forgiveness and new life. We want to explain this to you in the correct order.

How is a TXT Fondue played?

Two teams take turns in asking each other questions. There usually are 12 questions for each team. The team that has question 1a begins with asking. After the question has been asked and in some cases a passage from the Scriptures has been read, the other team has one minute to discuss their answer. Then they give their final answer and the team that asked the question decides whether the answer is correct. Keep in mind that if your team demands strict answers, the other team will do the same.

Not the answer but the process

With a TXT Fondue, it's not about the answer, but all about the process. Questions will lead to new questions, which is good, but keep these thoughts until after the TXT Fondue, so that the program may continue fluently and dynamically. That is important, because a TXT Fondue is actually a sermon that is divided into chunks. It is apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42), so just like any sermon it has a structure that builds up to an application. Those who wish to go in-depth can do so afterwards.

Referee

Like the referee ensures that the rules of play are respected, the elder in a house feast supervises that all that is said remains Biblical (1 Timothy 4:16). There are just two rules: if someone says something unbiblical, the elder takes corrective action, like a referee in football issues a yellow card. In case of sin, he intervenes, comparable to a red card.

Feedback

Have you got a suggestion? Did you discover an error in a TXT Fondue program? Let us know through HuisfeestNetwerk.org! Questions regarding the contents can be discussed with the House Feast Network at facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork.

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What is the House Feast Network?

Those who are in the house feasts intend to reach all people in their own network who have not yet been reached with the gospel.

Networking

Of course you are curious to see how other house feasts do things. You wish to pay each other visits, help each other, and in any case you celebrate a large feast together, three times a year. To facilitate this, we have set up a House Feast Network group on Facebook: facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork. Elders can exchange their experiences at facebook.com/groups/Oudsten.

Share impressions

House feasts support one another by continually sharing photos in "The House Feast Network". House feasts unite because of this. We prefer that the ambience pictures you share do not intrude people's privacy.

What is the Learnhouse?

A collection of 84 TXT Fondue programs together form a complete training to spiritual maturity. It is composed of 7 fundaments, with 12 programs per fundaments. The program you now hold is part of the first fundament: conversion.

We recommend you to read the books of Mark and Galatians while you take the 12 lessons in this fundament.

Previous program:

1.11 Atonement

This program:

1.12 Mercy

Next program:

2.01 God the Father

For an overview of all programs, see the [Learnhouse](#).

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1a. Two knights are in a sword fight. Then one of them falls to the ground and his sword is knocked out of his hand. The other knight stands over him with his sword. Which two choices does the knight have who still has his sword?

(answer) The other team must name both points:

1. He kills the other knight.
2. He lets the other knight go (he shows mercy).

2a. A slave has a bad owner, and a good king buys the slave so he is free, without him deserving it. What does the Bible call such a slave?

(answer) A redeemed.

(comment) *Galatians 3:13 says: "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.'"*

3a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

The Bible explains through which you are saved, in other words what that "redemption" is. Someone from the team asking the question will describe which word the Bible uses for it, without naming the word itself. The other team will try and guess this "forbidden word".

(answer) Mercy.

(comment) *Mercy means undeserved favor.*

4a. What reason does King Jesus have to redeem you?

(answer) He came especially to the earth to save us. He did that out of love for us. He wanted to redeem us at any price.

(comment) *He did it out of love and He lets nothing separate him from us. As the apostle Paul explains in Romans 8:38–39: "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

5a. Can we be freed from sin by doing good works? Please explain.

(answer) We can only be redeemed through Christ's blood.

(comment) *See the Bible text from question 3b. This is also clearly explained in Romans 8. It says in the verses 10, 15 and 26: "But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. (...) The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' (...) In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans."*

6a. Why is the wages of sin death?

(answer) God the Judge consider it such a serious offense, that it is punished by the most severe penalty.

(comment) *See the comment with question 2b. If it was possible to gather all tears caused by injustice, and all blood that is shed by meanness, and all the sweat of slavery, then you would understand why God the Father who created the earth so harmoniously hates sin so much.*



7a. Is it possible that another person is born on earth with pure blood? Please explain.

(answer) No, there is only one mediator. We are sinful at birth.

(comment) *1 Timothy 2:5 says: "For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus." And Psalm 51:5 (in some translations Psalm 51:7): "Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me."*

8a. When Adam and Eve had eaten of the forbidden fruit, the tone of the conversation that God the Father had with them was very civilized. But what was the consequence of eating the fruit just one time?

(answer) They were put out of the Garden of Eden.

(comment) *Genesis 3:22-23 says: "And the Lord God said, 'The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.' So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken."*

9a. Suppose that a teenage girl gets punched in the face by a neighbor. She immediately responds: "Neighbor, I forgive you." What does King Jesus say about what we need to do if someone does us harm?

(answer) We must turn the other cheek.

(comment) *In Luke 6:29, He says: "If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them."*

1 Peter 1:6 adds another dimension: "In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials." But being punched can not always be considered a trial.

10a. In this story, the teenage girl represents a disciple of King Jesus, and the neighbor represents people who hurt them. Of course, as a good Father, God will first comfort and bandage his child. But after that, what can the neighbor count on?

(answer) Revenge.

(comment) *Romans 12:19 says: "Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord." This text refers to Deuteronomy 32:35.*

11a. The reaction of the Father has everything to do with mercy. To understand that, complete the following five sentences:

- **Mercy is a ... (see question 1b)**
- **The punishment of sin is ... (see question 5b)**
- **The debt is paid with ... (see question 6b); that is just.**
- **This means the blood of King Jesus is the ... (see question 3b)**
- **One side of the coin is called "revenge"; the other side is called ...**

(answer) The other team must name all five points:

- business deal
- the death penalty
- (pure) blood
- purchase price
- mercy

(comment) *The father will make the neighbor pay, and if this man does not repent and compensate the damage, he will be condemned. That is revenge. See also the comment with question 10a.*

12a. Are you no longer a slave to sin?

(answer) Yes, I know I was redeemed and paid for by the blood of King Jesus.



1b. A slave sometimes goes to a different owner. Describe how such a business deal is performed.

(answer) There is a buying party and a providing party, and a slave belonging to the providing party. The buyer wants to have the slave, and pays. The providing party carries over the slave to the buyer.

2b. In Romans 3:23, the Bible says: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." As long as you are not saved, you are a slave to sin. Sin asks such a high price, that a slave can never buy himself free. How high is this price?

(answer) Death (a life for a life).

(comment) *Romans 6:23 says: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

3b. Ephesians 2:8–9 says: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." How can we receive "the gift of God"?

(answer) By accepting King Jesus, by believing in Him.

(comment) *He is the Good King (see question 2a), who pays your purchase price. By accepting His offer, you are saved.*

4b. On which location has the business deal for your redemption taken place?

(answer) The location has multiple names, each of these is good:

Calgary/Calvary, Golgotha, place of the skull, blood altar, outside the gate.

5b. Why death? Why did King Jesus have to die? Why couldn't he give a kidney?

(answer) Sin is punishable by death, and if He doesn't take this punishment upon Him, we receive our own death penalty.

(comment) *See the comment with question 2b.*

6b. Why does redemption require a blood sacrifice?

(answer) Redemption from sin is only possible through pure blood.

(comment) *Hebrews 9:13–14 says: "The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!"*



7b. John 1:1–5 says:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

According to this Bible passage, why couldn't God the Father turn a blind eye to sin?
(answer) He can't do it, because in Him is no darkness, only pure light.

(comment) *This means it is not just so that He mostly hates sin. He also isn't allergic to it, but it simply is physically impossible for Him to be in the same room with sin.*

8b. After eating the forbidden fruit in paradise, the nature of man has become sinful, and man has come under the dominion of the serpent. Only through the finished work of King Jesus, can you be freed. Of which tree can you eat again after you have been saved?

(answer) The tree of life.

(comment) *Revelation 2:7 says: "Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God."*

9b. What has the girl's response got to do with mercy?

(answer) Nothing.

(comment) *It has got to do with a training from her discipleship to her sanctification.*

10b. Proverbs 25:21–22 says: "If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you."

The apostle Paul repeats that in Romans 12:20: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

This also means that if you take the punches, you heap burning coals on someone's head. In the example of the teenage girl, who heaps the coals and on whose head?

(answer) The teenage girl heaps burning coals on the head of the neighbor.

11b. In this program, we've seen several people who have received mercy, such as the knight in question 1a, the neighbor in question 11a, and we in question 3b. How should these people continue to live, after having received mercy?

(answer) Accept it, be eternally grateful, and continue to live as a redeemed person in the service of King Jesus.

12b. Do you live like you're saved?

(answer) In all facets of my life, I am free of the slavery of sin.