

What do I do with
God's Kindness?

**The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.**

**He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.**

**For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him; (Ps 103)**

2 Perspective Mistakes People Make

- 1) Hold the perspective that sin is “no big deal.” (Isaiah 59:2)

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2) Do not read the Old Testament with the perspective that Jesus is the exact image of the Father. (Hebrews 1:3)

**But you are a forgiving God, gracious and
compassionate, slow to anger and
abounding in love. Therefore you did not
desert them... (Neh 9:17)**

**I knew that you are a gracious and
compassionate God, slow to anger and
abounding in love, a God who relents
from sending calamity. (Jonah 4:2)**

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lam 3:22-23)

***The Father runs to the prodigal
who is coming home.***

Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them. (1:32)

Romans 2:1-3

2 You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. ² Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth.

Romans 2:1-3

³ So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment?

Something is not quite right when we can “simultaneously retain our sins and our self respect.”

God's Judgment does not negate
God's Kindness

Romans 2:4

Paul says about God's kindness:

⁴ Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance & patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

Huge Mistake:
Some people think it's normal
(and even acceptable) for
Christians to sin

Reasoning

Everybody sins. We can't help it. It's part of being human.

God's grace covers sins

God doesn't expect me to get rid of all my sin

It's okay to keep sin in my life

Thank God He forgives me even though I make no effort to get rid of sin

Thank God I'm not guilty since God forgave me

Paul calls this reasoning “showing contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance, and patience.”

***“God’s kindness is intended to lead
you to repentance.”***

*Do you want to simply be forgiven, or
do you want to get rid of the sin in your
life?*

1 John 1:9

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify (cleanse) us from all unrighteousness.

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Romans 2:5-11

⁵ But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. ⁶ God "will repay each person according to what they have done."

Romans 2:5-11

⁷ To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. ⁸ But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.

Romans 2:5-11

⁹ There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; ¹⁰ but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. ¹¹ For God does not show favoritism.

Paul teaches that justification is based on faith and judgment is based on works.

2 points about judgment:

- 1) Since true faith leads to works, my works are the proof of whether I have been justified by faith.

2 points about judgment:

2) Our “sentence” at the final judgment is based on works.

Matthew 6:19-21

Luke 12:47-48

2 differences between believers and non-believers

- 1) What we seek
- 2) What we do

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