



Introduction

The God of Mercy

What do we mean when we speak of the Mercy of God?

God's mercy is him showing kindness to people who don't deserve it and can't earn it. It is compassion, pity...an act of condescending love.

Where does the bible teach us about the Mercy of God?

1. Mercy is not just what he does, its who he is

- ❖ Exodus 34:6—*The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,*
Numbers 14:18; 2 Chronicles 30:9; Nehemiah 9:17, 31; Psalm 86:15, 103:8, 111:4, 112:4, and 145:8, Joel 2:13, Jonah 4:2
- ❖ Deuteronomy 4:31—*For the Lord your God is a **merciful God**. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.*
- ❖ Psalm 78:37-38—*Their heart was not steadfast toward him; they were not faithful to his covenant. **Yet he, being compassionate**, atoned for their iniquity and did not destroy them; he restrained his anger often and did not stir up all his wrath.*
- ❖ 2 Corinthians 1:3—*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **the Father of mercies** and God of all comfort,*
- ❖ Ephesians 2:4—*But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,*
- ❖ James 5:11—*Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how **the Lord is compassionate and merciful**.*

Behold your God beloved! Who is indeed slow to anger and abounding in mercy.

2. God's Mercy is Free

- ❖ Exodus 33:19—*"I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The Lord.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy."*

3. God's Mercy is Forever



- ❖ Lamentations 3:22-23—*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*
- ❖ Luke 1:50—*his mercy is for those who fear him **from generation to generation.***

4. God's Mercy is Infinite

- ❖ Psalms 36:5—*Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.*
- ❖ Psalms 86:5—*For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, **abounding in steadfast love** to all who call upon you.*
- ❖ Psalm 103:10-14—*He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.*

The God of Grace

What do we mean when we speak of the Grace of God?

- *Grace is a gift.*
- *Grace is God benevolently, powerfully, and effectively working within you and for you.*

Where does the bible teach us about the Grace of God?

1. Grace is not just what he does, its who he is!

- ❖ 1 Peter 5:10—*And after you have suffered a little while, **the God of all grace**, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.*
- ❖ Hebrews 4:16—*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*
- ❖ John 1:14—*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, **full of grace** and truth.*

2. There are many different kinds of grace

(1) Common Grace

- ❖ Matthew 5:45—*For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.*



(2) Restraining Grace

(3) Saving Grace

- ❖ Ephesians 2:8—*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,*

(4) Sanctifying Grace

- ❖ 1 Thessalonians 5:23—*Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

(5) Preserving Grace

- ❖ Philippians 1:6—*And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

3. God's Grace is free

- ❖ Romans 11:5-6—*So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.*

4. God's Grace is forever

- ❖ Ephesians 1:4-6—*even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace,*
- ❖ 1 Peter 5:10—*And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his **eternal glory in Christ**, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.*
- ❖ Titus 3:7—*so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

5. God's Grace is infinite

- ❖ Romans 3:10-12—*"None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."*
- ❖ Romans 5:20—*where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,*

What does this mean for us?

1. These doctrines teach us **NOT** to presume, but to pray
2. These doctrines teach us **NOT** to be proud, but humble



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3. These doctrines boost our confidence in evangelism
 4. As recipients of mercy and grace, we are now compelled to ourselves show mercy and grace