



## The Mercy of God Good Friday April 22, 2011

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### **The Mercy of God**

The New Testament teaches us both about the grace and mercy of God.

In fact in the NT we find the triplets: Grace, Mercy and Peace mentioned together often, perhaps a common way of greeting and blessing people :

**1 Timothy 1:2 To Timothy, a true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**2 Timothy 1:2 To Timothy, a beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Titus 1:4 To Titus, a true son in our common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**2 John 1:3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.**

Grace, as we understand it in the NT, is the unmerited favour of God, that makes the sinner welcome in God's presence. Grace puts us in right standing with God.

Mercy is an expression of compassion that meets a need in someone's life. Mercy is God's unmerited compassion that meets our need in the situations of life that we find ourselves in.

When we receive God's grace and God's Mercy, we then experience God's Peace – the kind of peace that passes all understanding.

In James 1:17, God is the Father of lights – meaning He is absolute truth. There is not even a shadow of error, falsehood or untruth in Him.

In 2 Corinthians 1:3 God is the Father of mercies – meaning for all the ills, problems, difficulties, situations, troubles, distresses of man He is the God of unmerited compassion who meets our every need in whatever situation we find ourselves in. The Father of mercies (plural).

**2 Corinthians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,**

*He is abundant in mercy*

**Psalm 86:15 But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.**

**Psalm 103:8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.**

*His mercy endures*



**Psalm 107:1** Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.  
**Psalm 136**

**Lamentations 3:22,23**

**22** Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not.  
**23** They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

### **God's Mercy Meets our every need**

**Psalm 86:5** For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

**Psalm 94:18** If I say, "My foot slips," Your mercy, O LORD, will hold me up.

**Psalm 103**

**4** Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

**Daniel 2:18** that they might seek mercies from the God of heaven concerning this secret, so that Daniel and his companions might not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

**Matthew 9:27** When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"

**Matthew 15:22** And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."

**Matthew 17:15** "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.

**Mark 10:47,48**

**47** And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

**48** Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

### **God's Mercy Meets our greatest Need**

Our greatest need is that of a Saviour from our sins.

God's Mercy and Truth always go together.

**Psalm 85:10** Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed.

**Psalm 89:14** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.

God's Truth demands that sinful man pay for his sins. The wages of sin is death.

God's Mercy extends compassion to meet our need for a Saviour from sin.

**Proverbs 16:6** In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity; And by the fear of the LORD one departs from evil.

*Jesus our Mercy Seat*

**Romans 3:25** whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,

**Leviticus 16:14,15**

**14** He shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat on the east side; and before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.



**15 "Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people, bring its blood inside the veil, do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before the mercy seat.**

**Hebrews 9:1-14**

Christ entered into the real tabernacle in Heaven and sprinkled the heavenly Mercy Seat with His own blood

Hanging on the Cross, when Jesus said "Father forgive them..." He was extending mercy meeting their deepest need, even with them not realizing it.

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**God's Mercy That Saved Us!**

As believers we owe it all to the mercy of God on our lives.

**Ephesians 2:4,5**

**4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,**

**5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),**

**Titus 3:3-5**

**3 For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.**

**4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,**

**5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,**

**1 Peter 2:9,10**

**9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;**

**10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.**

**1 Timothy 1:13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.**

**We can experience His Mercy Today – Afresh!**

**Luke 1:50 And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation.**

**Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

**David knew How great His Mercy is**

**Psalm 57:10 For Your mercy reaches unto the heavens, And Your truth unto the clouds**

**Psalm 51:1 Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.**

**2 Samuel 24:12-14**



**12 "Go and tell David, 'Thus says the LORD: "I offer you three things; choose one of them for yourself, that I may do it to you." ' "**

**13 So Gad came to David and told him; and he said to him, "Shall seven years of famine come to you in your land? Or shall you flee three months before your enemies, while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days' plague in your land? Now consider and see what answer I should take back to Him who sent me."**

**14 And David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Please let us fall into the hand of the LORD, for His mercies are great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man."**

His mercy flows like a river wide  
His mercy turns our mistakes into miracles  
His mercy turns out tears into joy  
His mercy turns out mourning into dancing  
His mercy gives us beauty for our ashes  
His mercy turns out tragedies into our greatest triumphs  
His mercy turns our distress into destiny  
His mercy turns our sickness into health  
His mercy turns our poverty into great wealth  
His mercy, His unmerited compassion meets our every need!

### **The Lord's Table**



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