

Mercy and Grace

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“But **God, who is rich in Mercy**, for **His great love** with which **He** loved us, even when we were dead in sins, has made-alive us together with Christ. **By Grace** you are **saved!** And (**He**) has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places **in Christ Jesus**; so that in the ages to come **He** might show the **exceeding riches of His Grace** in His kindness toward us **through Christ Jesus**. For by Grace you are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; and not of works, lest any man should boast. For **we are His workmanship**, created **in Christ Jesus** unto good works, which God has beforehand ordained that we should walk in them.” ([Ephesians 2:4-10](#))

“Seeing then that we have a **Great High Priest**, who has passed into the heavens, **Jesus the Son of God**, let us hold fast our profession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our weaknesses; but was in all points tempted like as we were, **yet without sin**. Let us therefore come boldly unto the Throne of Grace, **so that we may obtain Mercy**, and find **Grace to help** in time of need.” ([Hebrews 4:14-16](#))

“But after the **kindness and Love of God (the Father)** our Savior toward man appeared, (and) 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; which **He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior**; so that being justified by **His Grace**, we should be made heirs according to the hope of Eternal Life.” ([Titus 3:4-7](#))

Mercy: from the Greek word **eleos** a noun which means: Mercy, compassion, pity; as received from God, or from a person, toward another person or persons, in an active and ongoing sense. Especially of God's mercy and forgiveness towards sinners lost in sinful darkness, and granting unto them salvation through Christ Jesus. Through God's Mercy we do not receive the eternal punishment due us because of our sin. Mercy also shows kindness towards people whose lives are miserable and afflicted; and joined with a desire to help and relieve them from their situations. (the verb form: **eleeo** means: giving-mercy, given-mercy, obtaining-mercy, receiving-mercy, shown-mercy, etc.)

Grace: from the Greek word **chariti** a noun which means: Grace; from **charis** which means: grace, favor, graciousness; preeminently used of God's favor, and blessing in and through Christ Jesus' death on the Cross for the forgiveness of our sins. Through God's Grace through Jesus, we receive what we do not deserve because of the stain of sin upon our souls; and what we receive instead is the forgiveness of our sins, salvation, and Eternal Life in His Kingdom forever, and many more blessings!

In a sense God's Mercy and Grace, in and through Christ Jesus, achieve the same goal of the Father: our Salvation! Through His Mercy we are saved from the wrath of hell. And through His Grace we are saved for Eternal Life in His Kingdom: the Kingdom of Heaven! His Mercy and Grace is granted to all people who place their faith, hope, and Love in the Father, and in His Son Jesus! **Please consider the following:**

“Forasmuch then as the children (believers: children of God) are partakers of flesh and blood, **He** also Himself (**Jesus**) likewise took part of the same (a flesh and blood body); so that through death **He** might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For truly **He** took not on Himself the nature of angels; but **He took on Himself** the seed of Abraham (a human body descended from Abraham). Therefore, in all things **He** had to be made like unto His brethren (us), so that **He might be a Merciful and faithful High Priest** in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.” ([Hebrews 2:14-17](#))

“By the deeds of the Law there shall be no flesh justified in **His** sight; for by the Law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the Law is manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God which is through faith **of Jesus Christ** unto all and upon all those who believe; for there is no difference; **for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God**; being justified freely by **His Grace** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; whom God has set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood (i.e. His atoning death on the Cross).” (Romans 3:20-25)

“For the **Grace of God** that brings **Salvation** has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that **Blessed Hope**, and the glorious appearing of **the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ**; who gave **Himself for us**, so that **He** might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify **unto Himself** a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” (Titus 2:11-14)

“Blessed be the **God and Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who** according to **His abundant Mercy** has begotten us again unto a **living Hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that does not fade away, reserved in Heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith **unto Salvation** ready to be revealed in the last time; in which you (now) greatly rejoice.” (1 Peter 1:3-6)

“For as through one man's (Adam's) disobedience many were made sinners, so through the **obedience of One (Jesus)** many shall be made righteous. Moreover the Law entered, so that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, **Grace did much more abound**; so that as sin has reigned unto death, even so **might Grace reign through righteousness unto Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord**.” (Romans 5:19-21)

The personal testimony of the apostle Paul concerning God's Mercy:

“And I thank **Christ Jesus our Lord**, who has enabled me, for **He** counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; who was formerly a blasphemer, and a persecutor (of the Church), and injurious; but **I obtained Mercy**, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. And the **Grace** of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in **Christ Jesus**. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance: that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**; of whom **I am chief**. However, for this cause **I obtained Mercy**, that in me first **Jesus Christ** might show forth all long-suffering, for a pattern unto those who should hereafter believe on **Him to Life Everlasting**. Now unto the **King eternal**, immortal, invisible, **the only wise God**, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.” (1 Timothy 1:12-17)

“For I (Paul) am the least of the apostles, who is not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. **But by the Grace of God I am what I (now) am**; and **His Grace** which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all; yet not I, but the **Grace of God** which was with me.” (1 Corinthians 15:9-10)

“... It is now revealed unto **His** holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; that the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body (of believers), and partakers **of His promise in Christ** through the Good-news (the Gospel) of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of **the Grace of God given unto me** by the effectual working of His power. **Unto me**, who am less than the least of all saints, **is this Grace given**, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.” (Ephesians 3:5-8)

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As God is Merciful towards us, so also we ourselves are called to show Mercy towards others! Please consider the following:

"But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and you shall be the children of the Highest (of God Himself): for He is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. **Therefore, be you merciful, as your Father also is Merciful.**" (Luke 6:35-36)

"Blessed **are the Merciful**: for **they shall obtain Mercy**. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the Children of God." (Matthew 5:7-9)

"He who follows after righteousness and Mercy finds life, righteousness, and honor." (Proverbs 21:21)

"**With the merciful (person)** You (the LORD) will show **Yourself Merciful**; with an upright man You will show **Yourself upright**. With the pure You will show **Yourself pure**." (Psalms 18:25-26)

"Let not Mercy and Truth forsake you; bind them about your neck; **write them upon the tablet of your heart!**" (Proverbs 3:3)

But "For judgment is **without mercy**, to the one **having shown no mercy!**" (James 2:13)

Some Final words of encouragement:

"But you, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, **keep yourselves in the Love of God**, looking for **the Mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ** unto Eternal Life." (Jude 1:20-21)

"You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous Light; who in times past were not a people, but now (you) **are the people of God**; who had not obtained **Mercy**, but now (you) **have obtained Mercy**." (1 Peter 2:9-10)

To us "**The LORD** is gracious, and **full of compassion**; slow to anger, and of Great Mercy. **The LORD** is good to all: and **His Tender-Mercies** are over all His works." (Psalms 145:8-9)

"The **Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ** be with you all. Amen." (Revelation 22:21)

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God, who is rich in Mercy for us, and for His Great Love with which He Loved us, even when we were dead in sins, has made us alive together with Christ Jesus !

**Our Lord and Savior Jesus is our Merciful and faithful High Priest !
By Grace we who believe are Saved forever !**

Therefore, be you merciful, as your Father also is Merciful !

**Thank You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for the Gifts of Mercy and Grace !!
Unto You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the King Eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be Honor and Glory, and Praise forever and ever ! Amen !
For Your Merciful kindness is Great toward us: and Your Truth endures forever !**

Praise to You the LORD our Blessed Hope !!