

TEACHING SERIES: **Right Thinking About God**  
TEACHING #4 : **HIS MERCY AND HIS GRACE**  
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**INTRODUCTION:** God's mercy and grace are expressions of His intrinsic GOODNESS ~ **Hebrews 4:16**

*Into the heart of Jesus, deeper and deeper I'd go,  
Seeking to know the REASON WHY He should love me so -  
WHY He would stoop to lift me up from the miry clay,  
Saving my soul, making me whole, tho' I had wandered away.*

**I. MERCY is a Quality By Which God Does NOT Give To Us What We DO Deserve = PUNISHMENT ~**  
**Lamentations 3:21-23**

**A. Mercy is an ATTRIBUTE of God** ~ a FACET of the JEWEL of His whole Being/His Nature

1. Perfect Father ~ **II Cor 1:3-4**
2. His Mercy is infinite ~ **Psalms 57:10; 136:1**
3. Would His Mercy exist if there was **no one** who **needed** Mercy?

**B. Mercy is an ACTION of God**

1. **Offered to all**, but....
2. **Limited** to those who **will** to accept it ~ **Ps 103:17; Gen. 6:3; Ro. 1:20-28; Heb 10:26-27**
3. Are there any who do **not** need God's Mercy? ~ **I Peter 1:12**

**II. GRACE is the Quality By Which God Does Give To Us What We Do NOT**  
**DESERVE=SALVATION**

**A.** Grace is an ATTRIBUTE of God & therefore is **infinite**

**B.** Grace is also a GIFT of God ~ **Romans 5:15**

**C.** Many have limited understanding of God's Grace:

1. Because they don't understand the '**exceeding sinfulness of sin**' ~ **Romans 3:11-12**
2. How do we **experience** God's grace? ~ **Ephesians 2:4-5**
  - a. the **drawing & convicting** of **PREVENIENT GRACE** ~ **John 6:44, 65; 16:8-9**
  - b. our **regeneration** by **SAVING GRACE** ~ **Ephesians 2:8-9**
  - c. our continuing **dependence** on **SUSTAINING GRACE** - **II Cor 6:1**

*"Oh! To GRACE how great a debtor  
DAILY I'm compelled to be;  
Let that GRACE now, like a fetter,  
Bind my WANDERING heart to Thee!  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
Prone to leave the God I love ~  
Take my heart, oh, take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy home above! Amen.*

**CONCLUSION:** **A.** Hope for Others **B.** Praise to God - **Psalms 59:16**

**SUGGESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:**

- A. Ask for discussion on any part of the teaching that you found confusing or unclear.
- B. Review the explanations given in the teaching for **PREVENIENT GRACE, SAVING GRACE, & SUSTAINING GRACE**. Do you agree/disagree with anything that was said? WHY?
- C. Name and briefly define the other attributes of God discussed in previous teachings.