

May Mercy and Grace be Multiplied to You

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- I. Introduction: 2 John 1:3 – it helps to compare them side by side.
 - a. Illustration – being pardoned by the president.
 1. What mercy says – you are forgiven, you won't have to go to jail.
 2. What grace says – be a part of my family – everything I have is yours!
- II. Mercy – showing compassion, pity and forgiveness when we don't deserve it.
 - a. **Numbers 14:18-20** - Mercy was brought through Moses' intercession to stay judgment.
 - b. **Psalms 51:1-2** (NKJ) - Mercy cleanses the conscious and gives peace, joy and rejoicing.
 - c. **Matthew 15:21-28** – Mercy heals!
- III. Grace – Outpouring of God's love which takes a forgiven pauper and adopts him into the king's family as sons and daughters, seats him at the king's table and makes him an heir for all of eternity. Grace grants us enabling power to live victoriously in a fallen world.
 - a. **Ephesians 2:4 – 8**
 1. Verse 4: "rich in mercy" plousios – abundant, like gold under the mountain in the Hobbit. "Dead in trespasses" we need mercy.
 2. What happens when we cry out to God to be saved? Like downloading the Holy Spirit.
 - Verse 4: "God who is rich in mercy" – cancels our transgressions.

- Verse 5: "made alive together in Christ" – grace makes us new creations.
- Verse 6: "raised us up together...in the heavenly places in Christ" – grace elevates.
- Grace makes us like Christ, gives us eternal life, adopts us as sons and daughters of God, qualifies us to sit on Jesus' throne and rule, gives us spiritual gifts, weapons to fight the enemy, and much more!

b. **1 Corinthians 15:9 – 10** - enabling power to labor abundantly.

IV. How do we get more Grace and Mercy?

- Hebrews 4:16** – with confidence through our position in Christ.
- Jude 2** – praying for "mercy, peace and love to be multiplied".
- 2 Peter 1:2** – Praying for "grace and peace be multiplied to you".
- Showing mercy to others – Jesus said "blessed are the merciful..."
- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4** – Turning to the "Father of mercies and the God of all comfort".

V. Conclusion

- God's mercy and grace are richly available for you right now.
- Let us boldly come to the throne of grace.