

Grace & Mercy (Part 11)

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When we talk about the mercy of God, we have to talk about the justice of God too.

Mercy – not giving someone what they deserve.

Justice – giving someone what they deserve. Cf. Romans 12:19; 2 Thessalonians 1:6

How can God be both?

- **God is 100%**

God's attributes are not warring against each other.

God is omnipotent (powerful), omniscience (all knowing), omnipresent (ever present), eternal, holy, sovereign, etc.

- **God is 100% just.**

Deuteronomy 32:4 *The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.*

The root of the word of justice is equal.

There are several words associated with sin, but look at iniquity. Cf. Psalm 32:5

Iniquity and inequity share a root Latin word, *aequus*.

Inequity – not equal.

Iniquity – not equal with God.

Romans 3:10-12, 23; 6:23

10 None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God.

12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” Cf. Psalm 14:3; 53:3

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

6:23 For the wages of sin is death

How can God give me what I deserve (justice—death—separation from God—hell) and not give what I deserve at the same time (mercy—life—eternity with God—heaven)?

Romans 3:24-26

24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Cf. John 1:12

1 Timothy 2:3-6

3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and

there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. Cf. Hebrews 9:15

Titus 3:5 *He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,*