

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.' "

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John 1:14-17

<sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

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John 1:14-17

#### Mercy – not getting what we deserve.

Grace – getting what we don't deserve.

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<sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

Eph 2:4-9

<sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Eph 2:4-9

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Eph 2:4-9

#### God withholds what we deserve. (MERCY)

Eph 2:4-9

#### God gives us what we don't deserve. (GRACE)

#### Humility Proverbs 3:34 Toward the scorners he is scornful, but to the humble he gives favor. James 4:6 But he gives more grace.

Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

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#### Honesty 1 John 1:9 <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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#### Repentance Luke 5:31–32 <sup>31</sup> And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>32</sup> I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

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#### Receive Romans 10:9 <sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

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#### Receive Romans 6:23 <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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**Offering forgiveness** "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" **Doing good/blessing others** Mat 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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#### With Gentleness and Respect 1 Peter 3:15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

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## Giving the Gift of Grace

# Have you experienced the gift of God's grace?

## Are you offering the gift of grace to others?

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