

Grace & Mercy



Subject: God's Grace & Mercy Does Great Things for Us

Passage: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Wrath and condemnation (rejection) have to be the worst things to receive from God, but favor (grace) and compassion (mercy), as well as truth, have to be the greatest, most beneficial things to receive from Him through Jesus Christ. Judas, the son of condemnation, received wrath and condemnation. But the other apostles, who even failed the Lord mightily at times, received grace and mercy. Likewise, Esau was rejected, even

though he sought the blessing with tears. But Jacob, his tricky brother, was not rejected. Now consider some of the great things that God's grace and mercy does for us.

Points:

1. It Encourages Us (vs. 12)

Consider Ezra 7:27; Daniel 10:18; 19; Judas & Silas Ac 15:32; the Churches Ac 16:5; Paul 2 Tim 4:17; the Heart He 13:9

2. It Is Compassionate Towards Our Ignorance & Unbelief (vs. 13)

Why, it could even be given to those who ignorantly & faithlessly killed the Lord of glory Ac 3:17.

3. It Overwhelms Us (vs. 14)

Remember Num 14:18; Ps 86:5; Ps 130:7; Grace overwhelmed the church in Jerusalem Ac 4:33-35

4. It Is Able to Save/Forgive the Worst of Us (vs. 15, 16)

Consider Manasseh, the worst king of Jerusalem? 2 Chron 33:1-20

5. It Is Completely Patient Towards Us (vs. 16)

God is Love & Love is patient 1 Cor 13:4; 2 Pe 3:9;

6. It Is Only for Believers (vs. 16)

Ro 8:28 is only for believers. The gospel only saves believers 1 Cor 1:21; God destroyed unbelievers Jude 1:5.

7. It Causes Us to Honor and Glorify God (vs. 17)

Ps 5:7

Order of Worship

"true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (Jn 4:23, 24), not in flesh & error, traditional or contemporary, Mosaic or Davidic, etc.

1. Informal Greetings

"greet one another" 1 Cor 16:20

2. A Call to a Variety of Ministries

"there are varieties of ministries" 1 Cor 12:5

3. A Call to Worship & Order

"not forsaking our own assembling [i.e. churching] together" He 10:25 -- "all things must be done properly... orderly" 1 Cor 14:40

4. A Call to Prayer

"I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions & thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men" 1 Tim 2:1

5. A Call to Sing a Variety of Songs

"teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God" Col 3:16

6. A Call to Speak the Truth

"speaking the truth... we are to grow up" Eph 4:15

7. A Call to Remember the Lord's Death

"He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." Lk 22:19

8. A Call to Salvation/Discipleship/Membership

"And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!" Ac 2:40

9. A Call to Contribute/Offerings

"contributing to the needs of the saints" Ro 12:13 -- "meet pressing needs" Titus 3:14

10. A Call to Hospitality

"be hospitable to one another" 1 Pe 4:9 -- "practicing hospitality" Ro 12:13

11. A Call to Spiritual Living/Worship

"Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship." Ro 12:1

12. Dismissal/Salutation Song or Prayer