God Who Is Rich In Mercy

Tony Mauck · Ephesians 2:1–9

INTRODUCTION

- Grace is what God gives us that we don't deserve. And mercy is when God doesn't give us what we do deserve.
- We can approach the throne of a holy God because of his grace toward us. Not only can we approach this awesome God, but we can do so with confidence.

1 God Was Rich in Mercy

Ephesians 2:1–9; Titus 3:4–7

- This whole chapter begins with us being dead in our transgressions and sins. We need to appreciate that.
- The wrath of God should be frightening to us. It is what we deserve.
- But God was rich in mercy. Because of his great love with which he loved us.
- He saved us. Not on the basis of deeds that we have done in righteousness, but according to his mercy.

2 The Grace of God Has Appeared

Titus 2:11–14; 2 Corinthians 8:9

- For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.
- This is what the grace of God instructs us to do to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions and to live self-controlled, upright, godly lives.
- That though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, that you through his poverty might become rich.
- I don't have to remain in my poverty, dead in my transgressions and sins, but through his poverty, I'm rich.

3 Our Master Has Forgiven Us Such a Magnificent Sum

Matthew 18:21–35

- He was putting a number out there so high to say, forgive as often as necessary.
- We can be so exacting and demanding of others over just a little bit that is due to us. And yet our master has forgiven us such a magnificent sum.
- And it's not even close to that amount. This is God's grace.

4 Extend Grace to Other People

Matthew 5:48; John 13:35

- We're being called upon in Matthew chapter 5 to imitate God's grace.

- If we're going to be Christians, we need to learn to extend grace to other people.
- The standard is not other religious people. The standard is God Himself.
- Does your speech out there give grace to others? Or is it always about justice, judgment, and fairness?

5 Continue in the Grace of God

Romans 6:1

- Grace was never intended to be a covering for lawlessness.
- Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? May it never be.
- Wait a minute. I thought the grace of God took care of everything. But you can receive the grace of God in vain.
- We must embrace the grace of God and we must continue in it.

6 I Need the Mercy of God

2 Peter 1:10–11

- I'm going to be more concerned about the mercy of God.
- I don't know what yield you're capable of. I would just suggest that you need to seek maximum yield.
- There are going to be would've, could'ves, and should've with everyone in this audience. That means I need the mercy of God.
- The Lord grant to him to find mercy from the Lord on that day.
- But on the last day, he's gonna need mercy. And not just him, but his people.

THE CHALLENGE

Just keep plugging away. Continue in the grace of God and plead for his mercy.

MY NOTES