

**Our Awesome
God is full of
Mercy and Grace**

How Did God Reveal His Character to Moses?

How often do you thank the Lord for His mercy and grace?

Exodus 34:6-7 (NKJV) ⁶ And the LORD passed before him and

proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious,

longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,

keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

The first thing God proclaimed about his character is being full of mercy and grace.

God desires to forgive and demonstrate mercy, but if His mercy is rejected, then instead of receiving grace, you will receive justice. Generational sin is very real and, without forgiveness, lives on.

God is patient, full of goodness, and truth. God cannot lie.

But isn't God all about wrath in the Old Testament?

- ❑ The most wicked king (Ahab) of Northern Israel receives mercy and grace from God. (*1 Kings 21*)
- ❑ The most wicked king (Manasseh) of Southern Israel receives mercy and grace from God. (*2 Chronicles 33*)
- ❑ What was the law's penalty when David committed adultery with Bathsheba and killed Uriah? What did He receive? (*2 Samuel 12*)
- ❑ How was God's mercy given to the nation of Assyria? (*Jonah 3-4*)
- ❑ How many generations did God allow for Northern and Southern Israel to repent before they were exiled? (*1 & 2 Kings*)

By imitating our Lord, how can you show mercy and grace?

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The Debate: Is Salvation Earned by Works or by Grace?

Has your heart been cleansed by true faith in our Savior?

Acts 15:6-11 (ESV) ⁶ The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. ⁷ And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. ⁸ And God,

who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, ⁹ and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. ¹⁰ Now, therefore,

why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?

¹¹ But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

God's Mercy and Grace is the Ultimate Gift

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NASB) ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is the gift of God;*

⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

God's gift of grace can never be earned. It was fully bought and paid for by Jesus' sacrifice.

Once we truly respond to God's love and grace, we will imitate our Lord Jesus (out of love) and walk as He walked.

Unlike the scales of Islam, there is no room for boasting.

When you consider all the world's religious systems, do you realize that Christianity stands alone with the incredible mercy and grace found exclusively through Jesus?

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How does God's mercy, grace, & justice work together?

Isaiah 53:5-6 (NIV2011) ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Colossians 2:14 (HCSB) He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it out of the way by nailing it to the cross.

Have your debts been nailed to the cross of Jesus Christ?
Are you living in the freedom and power of the Holy Spirit?