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The Attributes of God - Part 11

Grace & Mercy

Grace

That attribute of God which is His **sovereign free favor**, manifested in **spiritual & eternal** blessings to the **guilty & undeserving**.

Undeserved favor – cannot be bought, earned or won or it would not be grace – *it is free.*

To the guilty & undeserving

Contrary to the modern mind and other religions

- Rom. 3:10-18,23,24
- Isa. 64:6
- Isa 1:6

Sovereign

- God's action – grace planned redemption, gave the word – delivers us from Satan and self
- Opens the door to the throne of grace

Manifested – revealed

Set in order by cross

- Eph. 1:7-8
- Rom. 3:23-24

Eternal

- Rev. 3:8
- Eph 2:7

Free - Gift

- Rom. 6:23
- Eph. 2:8-9

Two contending Forces

Law – Grace

- Gal. 5:4 amp

Law produces – works of flesh

Ex. Pharisees

- **Legalism** – letter – not spirit
- **Self righteous**-judgmental - false security, hypocrisy

Grace produces works of faith

- Rom 14:23
- Rom. 5:17
- Rom 6:14
- Gal. 2:20

Mercy

Attribute of God which **manifests pity, affection & compassion** to those in need.

Affection (Literally – bowels)

Greek – seat of more violent passions
deep internal emotion

Hebrews – see bowels as seat of tender inward affection – pity – kindness

- Phil 1:8 KJV
- Phil 2:1

Compassion – vines word study

- Feeling of distress through ills of another
- To be moved and yearn inwardly

Manifests – to those in need

- Shows action of assistance
- Grace and mercy – hand in hand
we receive mercy because of His grace

Like all His attributes

Infinite

- I Peter 1:3-5
- II Cor. 1:3

Eternal

- Ps 103:17 KJV

Sovereign

- Luke 1:78 KJV
- Titus 3:5
- Eph.2:4-5

Undeserved – We cannot presume Mercy it is God's response to repentance

- Prov. 28:13
- Isa 55:7
- II Chron. 33:1-16

Mercy – Response to Intercession

- Exodus 32:10-14

Daily Mercy

- Lam. 3:22
- Micah 6:8