

**40 Days Of Prayer: God Is  
God Is Rich In Mercy And Grace  
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**Key Thought of the Day**

God's expression of love through Jesus is a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ love.

**Key Verses of the Day**

*Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.*

*But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.*

*So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. God saved you by his grace when you believed.*

*And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:1-10 NIV*

**Don't Miss This!**

You cannot receive God's grace without \_\_\_\_\_ receiving His mercy.

**What makes God so rich in mercy?**

- God is so rich in mercy because he chooses to \_\_\_\_\_ through Christ.

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**Grab This!**

You cannot understand the mercy of God if you do not understand the devastating \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.

*And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die." Genesis 2:16-17 NIV*

**Why can we not understand divine mercy without first understanding divine justice?**

**Grab This!**

Because divine mercy is God \_\_\_\_\_ divine justice.

**Don't Miss This!**

God's mercy is \_\_\_\_\_ giving sinners what they do deserve!

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...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23 NIV

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23 NIV

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. Titus 3:4 NIV

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 NIV

### **What happens when God’s mercy through Christ is applied to our lives?**

- We are made \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. Ephesians 2:4

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. Romans 8:1-2 NLT

He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:5 NLT

### **Grab This!**

God’s grace is giving sinners \_\_\_\_\_ that they do not deserve.

### **What is the wealth found in God’s grace?**

- Everything that God has done for those who are \_\_\_\_\_.

(It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Ephesians 2:5b-7 NIV

So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. Ephesians 1:6-8 NLT

### **The Challenge**

1. Have you received the mercy and grace of God found in Jesus?
2. If you have received mercy and grace from God, how are you living out that reality in your life?

For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10 NLT