

**Welcome & Intro :: The difference between grace and mercy**

**The difference between grace and mercy - posted by Theophilos77 (), on: 2009/1/9 8:19**

I was introduced to this site while searching for more reflections on the topic the "difference between grace and mercy" After reading and meditating on the comments written on the subject on this site and others, the thought surfaced into my mind, a thought of emphasis that I would like to share i.e.that,

The difference between grace and mercy is simply this:

Mercy is us humans reaching out to God asking Him not to give us what we know we deserve(i.e. according to the Law, justice, judgment,wraft and punishment) and

Grace is God reaching out to us humans to give us freely something that we need, that we could never earn, merit or deserve. (i.e. acceptance; adoption; access into His presence; eternal life; shareholders of His eternal inheritance; salvation etc.)

**Re: The difference between grace and mercy - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2009/1/9 9:17**

There is a subtle difference between grace and mercy. In reality, they are two sides of the same coin. However, I think the subtle difference between the two is this: Grace is attitude of God by which He is disposed to favor one. Mercy is the action, or working out of that favor, whereby we are treated better than we deserve.

**Re: The difference between grace and mercy - posted by dab (), on: 2009/1/9 9:29**

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**Re: The difference between grace and mercy - posted by A-Run (), on: 2009/1/9 9:41**

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It's a great sermon by Zac Poonen on the True Grace of God. I think you'll get a great insight by listening to it.

**Re: The difference between grace and mercy - posted by Heydave (), on: 2009/1/9 11:01**

The best definition I have heard from more than one source goes something like this:

Grace is God's presence and power to enable you to be and do all that He wants you to be and do.

I'm sure I have not got the quote exactly correct, but this is the essence, that grace is much more than mercy or God's unmerited favor. It is these but much more. It is the ENABLING power and presence of God to make us what we can't be ourselves and empower us to do what we cannot do without Him.

A study on grace will show why this definition is used.

I have not heard Zac Poonen on this subject, but I'm sure He will be worth a listen.

**Re: - posted by graceamazed (), on: 2009/1/9 11:21**

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That's a good thought. It would be like saying, "He has had mercy on us by pardoning our sins", but He doesn't stop there does He? We can go further and say, "By His grace we are not simply pardoned, but have been shown favor in being called 'sons and daughters of God' and 'joint-heirs with Christ!'" He's not just released us adulterers and murderers from the prison and pardoned our guilt, but He is taking us and conforming us to the image of His Son and seating us in heavenly places with Christ! This is more than Him just having mercy on our pitiful estate, but He has shown us unmerited favor in calling us to be glorified with His Son!

**Re: - posted by maze (), on: 2009/1/10 8:58**

I heard a simple comparison of the law, mercy and grace:

the law gives us what we deserve  
mercy is not getting what we deserve  
and grace is getting what we don't deserve

which then allows us to be and do all that He wants us to be and do.