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Beholding the Glory of God

A STUDY OF GOD'S ATTRIBUTES



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowships next week.
Great time for more
extensive exploration and
sharing!

Hopefest, OCT. 26 –
Volunteers needed

GOD IS MERCIFUL

- Grace, Mercy, and Justice
- God's Mercy in the Old and New Testaments
- Mercy's Actions
- Our Response?

“Definitions”

Justice—getting what we deserve

Grace—getting what we do not deserve

Mercy—not getting what we deserve

8 The LORD is merciful/compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy/love.

9 He will not always accuse,
nor will He harbor his anger forever;

10 He does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities. (mercy!)

11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is His mercy/love for those who fear Him;

12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far has He removed our transgressions from us. 13 As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has mercy/compassion on those who fear Him;

14 for He knows how we are formed,
He remembers that we are dust.

15 The life of mortals is like grass,
they flourish like a flower of the field;

16 the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more.

17 But from everlasting to everlasting
the LORD's mercy/love is with those who fear Him,
and His righteousness with their children's children.

Psalm 103:8-17

“It is of the LORD’S mercies that we are not consumed,
Because His compassions never fail;
His mercies are new every morning.”

Lam. 3:22-23

“Hesed”—love, loving-kindness, loyalty, steadfast love,
unfailing love, covenant faithfulness

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Compassion

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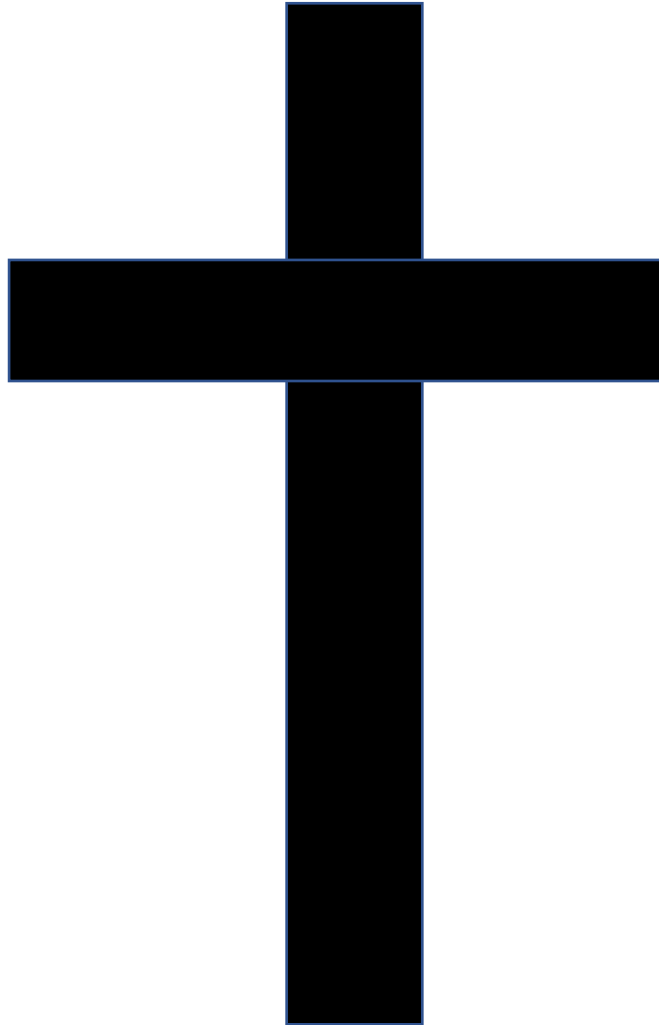
Forgiveness

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Grace

Mercy's Name is Jesus

Justice + Mercy + Grace =



“Mercy is God’s goodness confronting human guilt and sin.”

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us of all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:8-9

Our Response?

- Gratitude and praise
- Show mercy— “compassion-ate”

be humble; recognize own need for mercy

refrain from judging; allow mercy to triumph; put down the stones

extend forgiveness; 70x7...

assume positive motives

relieve suffering— “Love does.”

express gratitude





“Blessed are the merciful...”