

Sermon Notes for Sunday, September 24, 2023

The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion,
Slow to anger and great in mercy.
(Psalms 145:8)

"God's Unlimited Mercy"
Part 1

1. The difference between grace and mercy is this:

A) Grace is God giving to us what we don't deserve

B) Mercy is God withholding from us what we truly deserve

2. Characteristics of God's Nature **Exodus 34:6 (CEV)**

"Then he passed in front of Moses and called out, "I am the Lord God. I am merciful and very patient with my people. I show great love, and I can be trusted."

God's Mercy is demonstrated in three ways:

1. When we deserve to be punished by God—**2 Samuel 24:14**

"...I am in deep distress. Let us fall into the hands of the LORD, for his mercy is great; but do not let me fall into human hands."

2. When God Chastens Us—**Hebrews 12:6**

For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives."

3. When We Use Our Faith—**Matthew 9:27-31 (NLT)**

A) Then Jesus tested their faith

Matthew 9:28-29 (NLT)

"28 When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied.

29 Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you";

4. When We Comfort Others—2 Corinthians 1:3-4

"3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."