

17. If someone has sinned against you and deserves justice, what does it cost you to give that person mercy?

18. Is our church in danger of becoming an “insider club” for the religious that excludes pagans who need the gospel?



Message #66: Were It Not For Grace

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How can we fight against this?

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19. How can we pray for each other this week?

Quotes to Ponder

He is a God who keeps His promise in ways that cannot always be predicted. And He is a God who is utterly free to choose to give His undeserved mercy to whomever He wants, and to continue to choose to give others over to the life and destiny that they have chosen.

God has always been the God who blesses those who do not deserve it and could not have predicted it.

Timothy Keller

We are Christians by the sheer grace of God alone. We might wonder why God redeems anyone. The only answer I can provide is the great love the Father has for His Son. The Father will not allow the Son to see the travail of His soul and not be satisfied.

R. C. Sproul

Whenever you see God judge don't say, "How can He be so mean?" It's just. Whenever you see God show mercy, think, "There is no earthly reason for that, but the love of God, the grace of God, and the mercy of God."

Ligon Duncan

The Lord's destruction of those two morally perverted cities (Sodom and Gomorrah) became a byword for total annihilation without a trace remaining. Only God's grace has prevented such ultimate and total destruction of the entire world.

John MacArthur

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1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you?
2. Does the good news that God saved you from sin and judgment by His great love and mercy cause your heart to rejoice & your soul to be flooded with gratitude? How do you express this?
3. Does the fact that you could have been a vessel of wrath prepared for destruction, but instead you're a vessel of mercy, which God prepared beforehand for glory, cause you to marvel and ask, *Why me?*
4. What are some signs that the gospel has become commonplace to you?
5. What does God tell Hosea in *Hosea 1:9-10* and *2:23*?
6. What point is Paul making by quoting from Hosea (*Romans 9:25-26*)?
7. Who is Paul referring to when he writes, *I will call those who were not My people, "My people"*?
8. Paul quotes *Hosea 1:10* in *Romans 9:26*. Who is the subject of this verse, Jews or Gentiles?
9. When Peter quotes Hosea (*1 Peter 2:9-10*) who is he referring to?

10. What point is Paul making by quoting from Isaiah (*Romans 9:27-29*)?
11. Does the Bible teach that only Jews will be saved? That all Jews will be saved?
12. How does Paul argue in *Romans 9* that Israel's unbelief is consistent with God's plan?
13. Read *Revelation 7:9-12*. What does this suggest about the future relationship between Jews and Gentiles?
14. Why is God's constant choice of a remnant within Israel just (*Romans 9:14-29*)?

Why didn't God just annihilate Judah completely, as He did Sodom and Gomorrah?

15. Why did God choose to include the Gentiles in His program (*Romans 9:24-29*)?
16. How does the kindness that God extended toward me make me respond?

Am I a humble and grateful recipient of His grace, or do I really think God can't get along without me?