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 A Brief Commentary

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*Romans 5:17-21 For if by one man's* ***offence*** *death reigned by one;* ***much more*** *they which receive* ***abundance of grace*** *and of the* ***gift of righteousness*** *shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. Therefore as by the* ***offence of one*** *judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by* ***the righteousness of one*** *the free gift came upon all men unto* ***justification of life****.* ***For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*** *Moreover the* ***law entered****, that the* ***offence might abound****. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so* ***might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.***

It is impossible to completely separate God’s grace, and God’s mercy, for God’s mercy is part of His grace. That is, it is by God’s grace that He shows mercy. Grace is unmerited favor of God, who is sovereign in all His works.

God applies His grace to those who not only have no merit in themselves, those who are undeserving of it, those who deserve nothing better than eternal hell. I’m speaking of you and me my friend, for if we ask for justice we would burn in hell forever. But God in His great grace and mercy, made a plan where He could save us, by applying our sins to His Son Jesus Christ, (who died in our stead), and then applying Christ’s righteousness to us. **What grace! What mercy!**

We cannot earn grace, for then it would be no longer grace. Grace is favor God bestowson us who are unworthy creatures. His love is bestowed on us by His grace. His great salvation is bestowed on us by His grace.

*Psalms 136:1 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his* ***mercy endureth for ever.***

Yes, God is merciful, the entire 26 verses of this 136 The psalm end with *“His mercy endureth forever.”*

**God’s mercy is great:**

*1 Kings 3:6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept* ***for him******this great kindness****, that thou hast* ***given him a son to sit on his throne****, as it is this day.*

**God’s mercy is abundant:**

*Psalms 86:5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and* ***plenteous*** *in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.*

*1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his* ***abundant mercy*** *hath begotten us again unto a lively hope* ***by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,***

**We are saved by God’s great mercy:**

*Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his* ***mercy*** *he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*

**God’s mercy is eternal:**

*Psalms 103:17 But the mercy of the LORD is from* ***everlasting to everlasting*** *upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;*

**God is Sovereign in dispensing His mercy:**

*Exodus 33:19 And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.*

As stated earlier, it is hard to show a distinction between God’s mercy and His grace. Both are attributes of God. Actually God’s mercy is part of God’s grace. Because we do not deserve it, **cannot earn it,** and it is by His grace that He bestows his mercy.

**However, God’s mercy was never extended to the angels:**

Not the fallen angels (the angels that followed Lucifer,) they shall suffer eternal torment. Not the angels who did not follow Lucifer, because they never sinned, and therefore have no need of mercy.

Yet the angels that did not follow Lucifer have obtained **Grace** because they are part of **God’s elect**. Not grace for forgiveness, for they had not sinned, (those angels that sinned are forever condemned). But being made part of God’s elect is an act of God’s grace.

*1 Timothy 5:21 I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ,* ***and the elect angels****, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.*

Because of God’s grace to them, the **elect angels** shall remain Holy throughout eternity.

**There is a general mercy of God extended to all believers, and unbelievers alike:**

*Psalms 145:9 The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.*

*Matthew 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.*

**God offers His grace and mercy to those who will ask:**

*Hebrews 416 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

**We do not earn mercy. It is dispensed by God’s Grace:**

*Titus 3:5-7 Not by works of righteousness which we have done,* ***but according to his mercy he saved us****, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Chris t our Saviour; That being*

*justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to* ***the hope of eternal life.***

**It was by God’s Grace and Mercy that Christ came to save us from our sins:**

*Luke 1:78,79* ***Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,*** *To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

**God’s destruction of the wicked is an act of mercy to the saved:**

Can you imagine living for eternity in a society as sinful as this one? Especially with things getting rapidly worse. For those of us who are saved,God in His wonderful grace and mercy to us, shall remove us from all presence of evil*,* and present us before God*,* faultless, having received the righteousness of Christ.

*Jude 1:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you* ***faultless*** *before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,*

**Speaking of the new Jerusalem, He said:**

*Revelation 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are* ***written in the Lamb's book of life.***

**God’s Grace is Eternal:**

*2 Timothy 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an* ***holy calling****, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus* ***before the world******began,***

**Our salvation comes only by the** **Sovereign Grace of God:**

*Romans 9:15,16 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.*

**There is a Sovereign grace & mercy which God reserves for His elect, the heirs of salvation:**

Example: daily cleansing from sin.

*1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

**Sin brings death, God’s grace brings life:**

*Romans 5:18-21 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon* ***all men to condemnation;*** *even so by the righteousness of one* ***the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.*** *For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made* ***righteous.*** *Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded,* ***grace did much more abound:*** *That as sin hath reigned unto death,* ***even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.***

**God’s Grace is free to lost sinners, who repent:**

*Romans 3:23,24 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus*:

*John 1:12,13 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

According to this verse, God gave us the power to be saved, HOW? By believing, trusting in Christ.

Was it because of our linage (who our parents were)? Because our parents were saved?

NO *“not of blood.”*

Was it because we have made ourselves worthy by cleaning up our lives and sinning no more?

NO *“not of the will of the flesh.”*

Was it because someone else wanted us to be saved?

NO *“not by the will of man*.” ***“BUT of GOD.*”**

It was freely and completely a gift and work of God. Completely unmerited, completely free, completely by His grace and mercy.

Men always want to **do** something for salvation. Because of pride they don’t want something free. **But all we need to do is repent and trust in His finished work.** It is the way God has provided **and it is the only way.**

In addition to salvation, God has shown much grace to His elect, **God has made us part of His family:**

*Romans 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint‑heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*

**By His grace, God has revealed much to His elect:**

*1 Corinthians 2:9,10 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.* ***But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit:*** *for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.*

*Ephesians 1:7-9 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;* ***Having made known unto us the mystery of his will****, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:*

*Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them,* ***because they are spiritually discerned.***

My friend, have you humbly asked Christ to save you?

**Are you part of His family today?**

By God’s grace‘twasrevealed to me,

 That I was a sinner, lost you see.

By His mercy He showed me love,

 And a home prepared in heaven above.

I asked forgiveness for my sin,

 And by grace and mercy He took me in.

He gave me faith, my sin I forsook.

 Now on life, I have a new outlook.

By His grace, He forgave my sin.

 And His Holy Spirit He placed within.

His righteousness, He gave to me,

 And adopted me into His family.