

## The WONDER of God's MERCY ~ Romans 11:33-36

→Scripture Reading - Romans 5:1, 8:32, 11.33-36

### INTRODUCTION

- 1- Humanity worshipped Created things NOT the CREATOR
- 2- Jewish nation had O.T. LAW and still turned AWAY from God
- 3- The Righteousness from God comes by FAITH in Jesus
- 4- So Everyone who comes to God by Faith becomes His People
- 5- Justification before God Comes through Faith IN Jesus Christ
- 6- We were UNITED with Christ in His DEATH
- 7- Paul describes the struggle to tame the SIN NATURE
- 8- There is NO Condemnation for those IN Christ Jesus
- 9- Past ELECTION
- 10- Present REJECTION
- 11- Future RESTORATION

### Everyone NEEDS God's Mercy ~ Romans 11:30-32

<sup>30</sup> Once, you Gentiles were rebels against God, but when the people of Israel rebelled against Him, God was MERCIFUL to you instead. <sup>31</sup> Now they are the rebels, and God's MERCY has come to you so that they, too, will share in God's MERCY. <sup>32</sup> For God has imprisoned everyone in disobedience so **He could have MERCY on everyone.** (NLT)

**Galatians 3:22** (NLT) But the Scriptures declare that we are ALL prisoners of sin, so we receive God's promise of freedom ONLY by BELIEVING in Jesus Christ.

Having found BOTH Jews and Gentiles disobedient, God is pictured as imprisoning them both in that condition, so that there would be NO WAY OUT for them **except on His TERMS.** BBC

**Romans 3:22-24** (NIV) ...There is no difference, <sup>23</sup> for **ALL have SINNED and fall short** of the glory of God...

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### IMPLICATIONS

**JUSTICE** - we are declared GUILTY

**MERCY** - the judge Himself PAYED the price

**GRACE** - given the GIFT of ongoing Relationship with God and indwelling Holy Spirit

**A plea to God for MERCY** is asking God to withhold the Judgment we **deserve** and instead grant to us the FORGIVENESS we in no way deserve. [gotquestions.org](http://gotquestions.org)

**Luke 18:9-14** (NIV) To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: <sup>10</sup> Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a **Pharisee** and the other a **tax collector**. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men - robbers, evildoers, adulterers--or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' <sup>13</sup> But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, '**God, have MERCY on me, a sinner.**' <sup>14</sup> I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

**Psalms 51:1** (NIV) **Have MERCY on me, O God**, according to your unfailing love; according to your great **compassion** blot out my transgressions.

On the mount of crucifixion, - Fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of **God's MERCY** - Flowed a vast and **gracious** tide.

**Grace** and **love**, like mighty rivers, - Poured incessant from above,  
And Heav'n's **peace** and perfect **justice** - **Kissed a GUILTY world in love.**

**Lamentations 3:21-24** (NLT) Yet **I still dare to HOPE** when I remember this: <sup>22</sup> The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His MERCIES never cease. <sup>23</sup> Great is His faithfulness; His MERCIES begin afresh each morning. <sup>24</sup> I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, **I will hope in him!**"

### Responding to the MERCY of God ~ Romans 11:33-36

<sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! <sup>34</sup> Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? <sup>35</sup> Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him? <sup>36</sup> For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

→ Image of 15,000 galaxies

**Isaiah 40:26** (NLT) Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out like an army, one after another, calling each by its name. Because of His great power and incomparable strength, not a single one is missing.

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**Colossians 1:15-17** (NLT) Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, <sup>16</sup> for THROUGH him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see - such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created THROUGH him and FOR him. <sup>17</sup> He existed before anything else, and he HOLDS all creation together.

**Philippians 2:8-11** (NIV) And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### TAKE AWAY ??

<sup>36</sup> For from Him and through Him and to Him ARE ALL THINGS. **To Him be the GLORY forever!** Amen.

**Isaiah 40:10-12** (NIV) See, the Sovereign Lord comes with POWER, and His arm RULES for Him. See, His reward is with Him, and His recompense accompanies Him. <sup>11</sup> He tends His flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart; He gently leads those that have young. <sup>12</sup> Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, or with the breadth of His hand marked off the heavens? Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket, or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance?