Romans 5:1-2 (NIV)

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Romans 8:32 (NIV)

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Romans 11:33-34 (NIV)

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! ³⁴ "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"

Romans 11:35-36 (NIV)

"Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?" ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen.

The WONDER of God's MERCY

Romans 11:33-36

- 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

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,

23 for ALL have SINNED and
fall short of the glory of God...

11:32 ...God has imprisoned everyone in **disobedience** so He could have MERCY on everyone.

(NLT)

JUSTICE - we are declared GUILTY

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

GRACE - given the **GIFT** of ongoing relationship with God and indwelling H.S.

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.

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Luke 18:9-10 (NIV)

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: 10 Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a **Pharisee** and the other a **tax collector**.

Luke 18:11-12 (NIV)

¹¹ 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.
¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

Luke 18:13 (NIV)

¹³ 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.'

Luke 18:14 (NIV)

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."

Psalm 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 3:21-22 (NLT)

Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: ²² The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His **MERCIES** never cease.

Lamentations 3:23-24 (NLT)
Great is His faithfulness;
His **MERCIES** begin **afresh** each **morning**.

24 I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!"



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.

Colossians 1:15-16 (NLT) Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over ALL creation, 16 for THROUGH Him God created EVERYTHING in the heavenly realms and on earth....

Colossians 1:16-17 (NLT)

...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.

¹⁷ He existed before anything else, and He **HOLDS** all creation together.

Philippians 2:8-9 (NIV)

And being found in appearance as a man,

He humbled Himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore **God exalted Him** to the highest place and gave **Him** the Name that is above every name,

Philippians 2:10-11 (NIV)

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

For from Him and through Him and to Him ARE ALL THINGS.
 To Him be the GLORY forever! Amen.

Isaiah 40:10 (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.

Isaiah 40:11 (NIV)

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.

Isaiah 40:12 (NIV)

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?

What love could remember,
no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing,
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord - His mercy is more Stronger than darkness New every morn' Our sins they are many, His mercy is more