

The Fellowship Room

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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

7-24-2017 Unqualified Love of God?

The only verse many people accept is "God is love" (**1 John 4:8**). They think that means "God loves me regardless of how I live." They could not be more wrong, for Jesus Christ also said,

"He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him" (**John 14:21**).

Sinners want God to love them as they are, but David said of God,

The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity (**Psalms 5:4-5**).

[God] desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (**1 Timothy 2:4**); and

[God] now commands all men everywhere to repent" (**Acts 17:30**).

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7-25-2017 Unqualified Grace of God?

Have you been saved by the "grace of God?"

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich (**2 Corinthians 8:9**).

The word "grace" means offering someone something they do not deserve. On earth, Jesus had:

... The glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth (**John 1:14**).

In death,

[He was] crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone (**Hebrews 2:9**).

After His resurrection, Jesus said,

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved” (**Mark 16:15-16**).

This is the Gospel of the grace of God!

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7-26-2017 Unqualified Mercy of God?

Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments (**Deuteronomy 7:9**).

“Mercy” means to bring help to the afflicted and hurt.

All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, to such as keep His covenant and His testimonies (**Psalms 25:10**).

The Apostle Paul wrote,

Although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief (**1 Timothy 1:13**).

Believing in Jesus, he repented and was told

“Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (**Acts 22:16**).

Thus God showed mercy to the obedient Saul of Tarsus. Let His mercy save you.

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7-27-2017 Being Holy

The standard is set high for a Christian character.

But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy” (**1 Peter 1:15-16**), quoting **Leviticus 11:44, 45**.

Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect (**Matthew 5:48**).

Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful (**Luke 6:36**).

God knows we can never be as perfect as He is, but by following His promises,

[We] may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust (**2 Peter 1:4**).

Once freed from sins,

You have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life (**Romans 6:22**).

We are not "god," but we are better!

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7-28-2017 A Hairy Story

Samson's mother was told,

And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines (**Judges 13:5**).

If his hair was uncut, "the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him," and he tore a lion to pieces, and killed 1000 men with the jawbone of a donkey (**Judges 14:6; Judges 15:14-16**). But Delilah cut his hair, ended his agreement with God, and weakened him. It was not his hair, but his faithfulness to God that strengthened him. In Christ's Law today, long hair on a man dishonors him, but long hair is a woman's glory (**1 Corinthians 11:14-15**). Womanly long hair on a man is no sign of a covenant, but of confusion!

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