

Biblical Mercy

Luke 1:57-80

Romans 3:23-25 (ESV)

...²⁵ whom God put forward as a **propitiation** by his blood, to be received by faith...

Mercy is _____ to notice someone in order to _____ that which offends Him.

Grace is _____ to someone that _____ Jesus' sinless life to ours.

MERCY removes what needs to be removed and **GRACE** adds what needs to be added so that we might have **PEACE** with God.

God isn't _____ to save anyone but by His _____ He chooses to save some.

Romans 9:14-16 (ESV)

¹⁴ What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! ¹⁵ For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

¹⁶ So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.

Titus 3:4-6 (ESV)

⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior **appeared**, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but **according to his own mercy**, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

Mercy is what the church has forgotten and why we have become less effective today.

MERCY IS THE POWER BEHIND OUR _____

Luke 1:65-66 (ESV)

⁶⁵ And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, ⁶⁶ and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

When God's mercy is noticed in our lives:

- **Brings** _____

Luke 1:58 (ESV)

⁵⁸ And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

- **Spreads** _____

Luke 1:65-66 (ESV)

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- **Zechariah was filled with Holy Spirit**
Can't be filled with the Holy Spirit if your filled with yourself
- **Enabled to discern the Work of God**
 - He was able to discern what God is doing **NOW**
 - What God has done in the **PAST**:

Genesis 15:17 (ESV)

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

- What God will do in the **FUTURE**

Isaiah 42:6-7 - John the Baptist and the Church have a similar role