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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 39

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by providing **His mercy**. **Eph. 2:4-5**, “*But because of His great love for us, God, Who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.*”

The Greek word here for **mercy** is *eleei* which means pity or compassion. Many times we look at mercy and grace the same but they are really two sides of the same coin. Grace is a gift we don't deserve. Mercy is **not getting** what we **do** deserve. Aren't you glad that you don't receive what you deserve? We deserve to be separated from God forever. **Rom. 6:23**, “*For the wages of our sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our LORD.*” Here is the picture of God's mercy and grace. The wages of our sin is death (separated from God forever in a place called Hell). This is what we all deserve because of our sin, but God has mercy on us. And then He offers His grace; the gift of God of eternal life through Jesus Christ our LORD. **Heb. 4:16** puts it like this: “*Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*”

Are you going through a time of need? Everyone's first need is salvation. If you have not received Jesus Christ as your LORD and Savior, He is willing to save you today. Call upon Him and He will give you mercy and grace. If you do know Him, He is constantly giving us mercy because of His great grace. I love the passage in **Neh. 9:31**, “*But in Your great mercy You did not put an end to them or abandon them, for You are a gracious and merciful God.*” And again in **Titus 3:5** *He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.*”

Dear Merciful Father, thank You that had mercy on us. We are sinners that are saved by Your grace and mercy. We deserved to be punished forever. But because of Your amazing mercy and grace, You saved us. Thank You Jesus! In Jesus Name, Amen