

**TODAY'S  
SCRIPTURE  
LESSON:**

**John  
1:14-16**

**SERMON SERIES:  
GOD'S MERCY,  
GRACE & FAVOR**

**#1:** Sun., 04-24-16 => Similarities;  
**#2:** Sun., 05-01-16 => Differences;  
**#3:** Sun., 05-08-16 => Favor;

**TITLE:**

"Grace, Mercy,  
and Favor:  
What's The  
Difference? *Pt. II*

"Let us therefore  
come boldly unto the  
throne of grace, that we  
may obtain *mercy*,  
and find *grace* to help  
in time of need."

Hebrews 4:16

**SUBJECT:**

Kindness,  
Forgiveness,  
And Favorites

"Who was before a  
blasphemer, and a  
persecutor, and injurious:  
but I obtained *mercy*,  
because I did it ignorantly  
in unbelief."

I Timothy 1:13

"And the *grace* of our LORD was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in CHRIST JESUS."

I Timothy 1:14

**WORKING DEFINITION:**

***GRACE***

broader, more extensive concept beyond mercy; based on Greek word '*charis*' which means gift;

Getting something you did NOT deserve!

**WORKING DEFINITION:**

***MERCY***

forbearance or Kindness;  
kindness shown at a time when a severe penalty is expected;  
not getting what you deserved;

**WORKING DEFINITION:**

***GRACE (cont.)***

...associated with that which is FREE and cannot be earned

**WORKING DEFINITION:**

***MERCY (cont.)***

...associated with that which is punitive or dismissal of an offense or fault;

**WORKING DEFINITION:**

***FAVOR***

***extraordinary*** dispensation of GOD's blessings, or GOD's unmerited kindness;

**SERMONIC POINTS:****#1:** BEGOTTEN**#2:** BEFORE**#3:** BESTOWED**SERMONIC****POINT #2:****BEFORE****SERMONIC****POINT #1:****BEGOTTEN**

"John bore witness of HIM and cried out, saying, 'This was HE of whom I said, 'HE who comes after me is preferred *before* me, for HE was *before* me.' "

**John 1:15**

"And THE WORD became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld HIS glory, the glory as of the *only begotten* of the FATHER, full of grace and truth."

**John 1:14**

"No one has seen GOD at any time. The *only begotten* Son, who is in the bosom of THE FATHER, HE has declared HIM."

**John 1:18**

**SERMONIC**  
**POINT #3:**  
**BESTOWED**

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 GOD at any time.  
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 Son, who is in the  
 bosom of THE FATHER,  
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**John 1:18**

"And of HIS  
 fullness we have  
 all *received*,  
 and grace  
 for grace."

**John 1:16**

**CONCLUSION:**

What "free gift" or "act of grace" has  
 GOD recently bestowed upon you...in this  
 past week?

What "free gift" or "act of grace" have you  
 recently bestowed upon someone...this past  
 week?

Choose one person, upon whom you  
 can/will bestow a "free gift" (act of grace)  
 this upcoming week?

"For the law was  
 given through Moses,  
 but grace and truth  
 came through  
 JESUS CHRIST.

**John 1:17**