# 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;

<u>TITLE:</u> "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

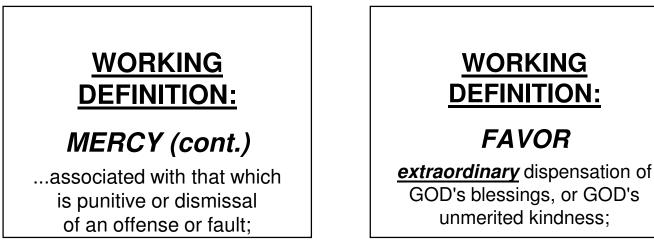
forbearance or Kindness; kindness shown at a time when a severe penalty is expected;

not getting what you deserved;

## WORKING DEFINITION:

# GRACE (cont.)

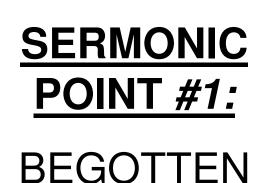
...associated with that which is FREE and cannot be earned



## **SERMONIC POINTS:**

# #1: BEGOTTEN#2: BEFORE#3: BESTOWED

# <u>SERMONIC</u> <u>POINT #2:</u> BEFORE



"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

"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

"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