

**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

"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