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### GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE

NOTE WHAT PAUL SAID ABOUT TITUS: TIT. 1:4,5; 2 COR. 2:13;  
ABOUT TIMOTHY: PHIL. 2:19-25 7:6,7

### INTRO: THESE THREE WORDS ARE FOUND

TOGETHER IN PAUL'S LAST THREE

EPISTLES: 1 TIM. 1:2, 2 TIM. 1:2, TIT. 1:4. (ALTHO  
SOME MSS OMIT MERCY IN PAUL'S LETTER TO  
TITUS). ALSO IN 2 JOHN 3  
PAUL GENERALLY MENTIONS GRACE AND  
PEACE.

FOR THESE WORDS TO BE USED AND RE USED  
SHOWS THEIR TREMENDOUS IMPORTANCE, BUT  
THEIR FREQUENCY OF USE TENDS TO MAKE US  
OVERLOOK THEM.

NOTE HOW THEY FIT INTO OUR SUBJECT OF  
THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD.

- 1) GRACE - 1 PET. 5:9, 11 P. 10 ADDING THIS LINE DOWN  
2) MERCY - 2 COR. 1:3, 4  
3) PEACE - HEB. 13:20, 21.

I. SO NOTE: ALL THREE COME FROM, AND  
ONLY FROM GOD, THE FATHER, AND CHRIST  
JESUS, OUR LORD, OR, IN TITUS, "THE LORD  
JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR."

II. THEY ARE THE BURDEN OF PAUL'S PRAYER  
- HIS MOST FREQUENTLY-PRAYED PRAYER.  
TO THE CHURCHES IT IS "GRACE AND PEACE";  
TO TIMOTHY AND TITUS HE ADDS "MERCY."  
WE CAN BEST LEARN TO PRAY FROM THE PRAYERS  
OF SCRIPTURE.

### III. THEIR MEANINGS:

#### A. "GRACE."

THIS IS A WORD WE USUALLY RELATE TO  
SALVATION BECAUSE WE HAVE ALL BEEN

I asked the Lord, that I might grow  
In faith, and love, and every grace;  
Might more of His salvation know,  
And seek more earnestly His face.

I hoped that in some favoured hour  
At once He'd answer my request,  
And by His love's constraining power  
Subdue my sins, and give me rest.

Instead of this, He made me feel  
The hidden evils of my heart;  
And let the angry powers of hell  
Assault my soul in every part.

Yea more, with His own hand He seemed  
Intent to aggravate my woe;  
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed,  
Blasted my gourds, and laid me low.

'Lord, why is this?' I trembling cried,  
'Wilt thou pursue Thy worm to death?'  
'Tis in this way,' the Lord replied,  
'I answer prayer for grace and faith.'

These inward trials I employ  
From self and pride to set thee free;  
And break they schemes of earthly joy,  
That thou may'st seek thy all in me.'

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## GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE (2)

SAVED BY GRACE. BUT THIS IS GRACE FOR BELIEVERS! IN WHAT SENSE DO WE HAVE SUCH A CONTINUING, DAILY NEED FOR GRACE?

CF. ITS USE IN 2 COR. 12:1-10. HERE GRACE MEANS POWER, STRENGTH, TO ENDURE TRIALS.

CF. 1 PET. 5:10,11 - WHERE WE SEE BASICALLY THE SAME THING.

THE LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN IS GOING TO BE A LIFE OF TRIALS AND OF SUFFERING. BUT THE GOD OF ALL GRACE STANDS WITH US AND STRENGTHENS US IN THEM AND WITH THEM.

CF. ALSO 2 TIM. 4:16,17.

JOHN NEWTON'S HYMN - IN KNOWING GOD, p. 229. REFER TO DAVID BLOOD.

### B. "MERCY."

TRENCH SAYS THAT GOD'S MERCY IS FOR OUR MISERIES. IT SPEAKS OF THE WAY THAT THE LORD LIFTS OUR BURDENS

CF. 2 COR. 1:1-11.

GOD FATHERS OUR MERCIES - AND COMFORT IS THE RESULT.

COMFORT MEANS ENCOURAGEMENT. CF. JEREMIAH'S WORDS IN LAM. 3:22,23

GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE (3)

SO WHILE GRACE MEANS STRENGTH, GOD  
BY HIS MERCIES ENCOURAGES, PROTECTS,  
AND KEEPS US JOYFUL. JACOB - GEN 32:

9-12

C. "PEACE."

HEB. 4:12

JUDE 21

ILLUS: PHIL. 2:25-29

THE PEACE OF GOD HAS TO DO WITH OUR  
PERFECTION. CF. HEB. 13:20, 21.

NOTE HOW PHIL. 4:6,7 IS RELATED TO IT.  
SO OFTEN THE TRIAL IS NOT REMOVED -  
AT LEAST UNTIL WE GET PEACEFUL.

ALSO PHIL. 4:9.

CONCL: WHAT BETTER WORDS CAN WE LEAVE  
CAMP WITH THAN GRACE,  
MERCY,  
AND PEACE?

PAUL DOES NOT SAY OR, BUT "AND."

LET US PRAY FOR OTHERS AND FOR OURSELVES  
IN THIS WAY. WE NEVER GET BEYOND OUR NEED  
FOR "GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE."

NOTE HOW PETER RELATES IT TO KNOWING GOD,  
AND KNOWING CHRIST. CF. 1 PET. 1:2.

WE NEED:

- 1) GRACE TO FACE OUR TRIALS
- 2) MERCY TO SEE OUR BURDENS LIFTED
- 3) PEACE TO REST IN THE LORD WHILE WE  
WAIT TO SEE WHAT THE OUTCOME WILL  
BE. CF. PSA. 37:7-11.