

“The God of Grace and Mercy and Love”
Ephesians 2:4-5 (1-10)

*What is **mercy**? It is the gift of God’s **undeserved** kindness and compassion.*

*What is **grace**? God’s love or favor towards those that are **unworthy** of it.*

*What is God’s (agape) **love**? It is a love that is shown by what it does, not simply what it feels. It does not flow from **the worthiness of the object** but the nature of God.*

- (Ephesians 2:4-5) *What is **grace** and **mercy**?*
 - God is rich in mercy.
 - God offers a great love to us.
 - It is only by the grace of God that anyone can be saved.

- (Romans 1:18-21) *Why do I need **grace** and **mercy**?*
 - God offers me mercy, grace, and love, and yet we do not naturally honor Him or thank Him.

*“**Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights....**” (James 1:17). **“Yet He did not leave Himself without witness, for He did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness”** (Acts 14:17). **“Nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything”** (Acts 17:25).*

- God has given to us abundantly and as rebels we refuse to thank Him and honor Him.
- God makes Himself known through His gifts, His orderliness, His vastness, His consistency, and His patience.
- No one has an excuse when it comes to not worshiping God.

- (1 Corinthians 15:12-19) *What is God’s greatest act of **grace** and **mercy**?*
 - God’s greatest act of grace, love, and mercy is the resurrection of Christ. The resurrection is so significant that without it, nothing ultimately matters.
 - All preaching is in vain.
 - All faith in God is in vain.
 - God has been misrepresented.
 - Mankind is hopelessly lost in their sins.
 - Everyone who has ever died is in Hell.
 - Christians should be most pitied.

*“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved **through Him**.” (John 3:16-17)*

Announcements:

★**MENS BREAKFAST:** Attention Men: The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, April 13th, at 7am, at Big Apple Café — Log Pond. Please RSVP to Zach Adams by Wednesday, April 10th! (740)618-0739