



It is Good Friday because we are able, through the cross, to cry for **mercy** from God, receive the **grace** of God and live in **favor** for God.

### I. Cry for Mercy from God:

*"<sup>3</sup> Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. <sup>4</sup> I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, 'O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, <sup>5</sup> we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules... <sup>9</sup> To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him... <sup>17</sup> O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy...' "*  
Daniel 9 (ESV)

**Mercy fallacy:** God **withholding** punishment and consequences.

**Mercy truth:** God withholding punishment and consequences **from us.**

(See Is. 53:6, 53:12, 2 Cor. 5:21, Gal. 3:13, Heb. 9:28, 1 Peter 2:24)

Propitiation: a sacrifice that bears the punishment and wrath of God, changing our status before God. (See Rom. 3:35-36, Heb. 2:17; 1 Jn. 2:2, 4:10)

### II. Receive the Grace of God:

*"<sup>7</sup> To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame... <sup>8</sup> To us, O LORD, belongs open shame... because we have sinned against you... <sup>16</sup> 'O Lord, according to all your righteous acts, let your anger and your wrath turn away... <sup>18</sup> ... For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy.' "*  
Daniel 9 (ESV)

Good Friday Message

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**Grace Fallacy:** We can achieve righteousness at some point in our lives through pious works.

**Grace Truth:** Grace makes us **alive** and gifts to us Christ's righteousness that we can never earn on our own. (See Rom. 5:19, 1 Cor. 1:30, Phil. 3:9, Ps. 14:1-13, Rom. 1:17, Heb. 9:26)

### III. Live in Favor for God:

*"<sup>13</sup> ...all this calamity has come upon us; yet we have not entreated the favor of the LORD our God, turning from our iniquities..." Daniel 9 (ESV)*

**Favor Fallacy:** the **achievement** of a better/convenient life where God does favors.

**Favor Truth:** the byproduct of mercy and grace, a change of status before God, and the guarantee of His presence and power in order to live according to his purposes. (See Luke 2:40; Ps. 5:12; 30:5, 84:11, 101:6)

*"<sup>20</sup> While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my plea before the LORD my God for the holy hill of my God, <sup>21</sup> while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice. <sup>22</sup> He made me understand, speaking with me and saying, 'O Daniel, I have now come out to give you insight and understanding. <sup>23</sup> At the beginning of your pleas for mercy a word went out, and I have come to tell it to you, for **you are greatly loved.**' "*  
Daniel 9:20-23 (ESV)

*"<sup>26</sup> Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' <sup>27</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.' "*  
Matthew 26:26-28 (ESV)