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### **GOD'S MERCY IN SALVATION (03)**

The doctrine of God's Mercy was especially important to Paul as a key doctrine for grace churches who would receive the Pastoral Epistles (1 Tim.1:2, 13, 16; 2 Tim.1:2, 16, 18; and Titus 3:5).

#### **Four aspects of the transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant of God's Mercy in Salvation.**

- 1. We learn that God's Mercy like His Grace is a quality of His Essence. In Mary's hymn, The Magnificat, she quotes the Old Testament fifteen times (Luke 1:46-56).**

This is a **great hymn of praise** of the character of God related to the lives of believers. In Luke 1:50, Mary quotes Ps.103:17 and Ex.20:6 regarding **God's mercy**. "And His mercy is upon generation after generation."

We will learn that when God's Righteousness and Justice are satisfied by the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ, then God's Mercy is given to the redeemed sinners on basis of Grace.

- 2. God's Mercy was taught in the Old Covenant (OC) by the Shadow Christology of the Mercy Seat on top of the Ark of the Covenant and the Day of Atonement (Ex.25:17-22; Lev.16:2, 11-19, 29-34).**

The blood of Christ on top of the mercy seat taught importance of the propitiuous atonement and forgiveness of sins until the historical coming of Christ (Heb.8-10).

- 3. In the New Covenant (NC), the cross IS the mercy seat; the crucifixion IS the day of atonement; and the blood Jesus Christ IS the accepted sacrifice for all the sins of the world (Luke22:20; 1 Cor.11:25; Heb.9; John 1:29).**

God's Justice) is propitiated by the sacrificial death of His Son so that He is free to provide judicial mercy and forgiveness on the basis of grace to everyone who believes the gospel of Jesus Christ (John 3:36; Rom.5:8-10; 1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16 and Eph.2:8-9)

**Propitiation** is [1 of 9 communion factors](#) of fellowship with God (**1 John 2:2; 4:9-10**)

(Rom.3:24-26) "Being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a **propitiation** (hilasterion) [propitiatory] **in His blood through faith**."

This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, **so that** He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus." (1 Pet.2:10)

4. In salvation, mercy is given instead of judgment because the justice of God regarding judicial guilt of Adam's original sin (AOS) (Rom.5:21-21) has been appeased or propitiated by blood of Jesus Christ (Rom.3:24-26).

(Eph.2:4-5) “But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).”

(Titus 3:5-7) “**He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy**, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we would be made hers according to the hope of eternal life.”