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The Word of the Week – Grace & Mercy



This week we are considering two words that are different but closely related. There are four verses where we see them together. **2 John 3**, **Grace, mercy and** peace from God the Father **and** from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth **and** love.

1 Timothy 1:2, To Timothy my true son in the faith: **Grace, mercy and** peace from God the Father **and** Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Timothy 1:2, To Timothy, my dear son: **Grace, mercy and** peace from God the Father **and** Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hebrews 4:16, Let us then approach God's throne of **grace** with confidence, so that we may receive **mercy and** find **grace** to help us in our time of need.

2 John 1:3, **Grace, mercy and** peace from God the Father **and** from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth **and** love.

Grace is defined as favor, kindness and blessings that are given by God to a person who does not deserve them. Because of our sin and disobedience to the will of God, we only deserve God's anger and judgement. Nevertheless, out of God's love these things are given even though they are not merited or earned by the person. This is often associated with our salvation which is given to us graciously as a free gift, based upon our faith, which is also given to us. **Ephesians 2.8-9**, "**For it is by grace we have been saved through faith—and this not from yourselves; it is the gift of God.**"

Mercy can be described as a subset under grace. It is God's grace that leads him to show mercy. It is defined as God's compassion and forgiveness towards through which the punishment that we do deserve is withheld. The penalty for our sin and rebellion is death. But because of God's mercy, he withholds that and we do not die. **Psalms 103.8**, "**The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**" Mercy also is evident in our salvation.

Both of these are available through Jesus the Christ, through his death and resurrection. We deserved judgment, but in Christ we receive mercy from God and are delivered from judgment. We do not deserve blessings, but in Christ we receive eternal salvation, forgiveness of sins, and abundant life. Our response to the mercy and grace of God should be to fall on our knees in worship and thanksgiving. Let us give praise and glory to God for his grace and mercy given to us...

In Christ Alone



Love Feast
May 3rd, 2026



CELEBRATE LOVE FEAST –

This Sunday - On May 3, immediately following our 9:00 AM Celebration of Praise Worship, we will gather in the Gathering Place for Love Feast. This is a wonderful three-fold celebration and worship. It begins with foot/hand washing, which reminds us of Jesus' command to love one another through humble service. We will then fellowship together with a common meal of several kinds of soup. The worship will conclude with the celebration of the Lord's Supper as we "remember the Lord's death until he comes." Everyone is encouraged to join us. There will be childcare available for children 6 years of age and under in the

Daytime small group

will meet at Louise Julius' home beginning **June 10 at 1:00 pm**. We will meet for five weeks ending July 8. Our time will be 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. Our study will be Max Lucado's "Hope is Here," a study of the Holy Spirit. This study is open to all, but will be a great opportunity for ladies who do not like to drive after dark. Sue Deardorff is facilitating, but the study will be shared leadership by all present. Available space for 6 people, so don't delay. There are one or two steps to enter the home. Great study and fellowship opportunity.

Don't delay!



Wednesday, May 6th, 2026

Women's Fellowship

providing and serving lunch to volunteers and those families receiving items on May 6 when New Hope Ministries brings their mobile "food bank" to Trinity Lutheran Church in East Berlin.

Wednesdays
April 15th, 22nd, 29th
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm with Pastor Gary

Life Group

The book of 1 Thessalonians

The Chosen 5 Bible Study will meet on Thursday evenings through June 4th, with the exception of May 7th. Please see Dave Titzell with any questions you may have.

THE CHOSEN SEASON 5

RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring the Nature of God

Save the dates:

**Vacation Bible School
Bermudian Church
August 2nd – 6th,
2026**

**We will update when
registration opens!!**

"The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision"

Notes from Pastor Matthew's Desk

Ignite Youth Meetings:

5/6/2026 @ 6 pm

5/27/2026 @ 5:30

Young Adults:

5/22/2026 5:30 @ Pastor Matts House

See him or the directory for the address.

**Help / Volunteers needed to help with VBS this summer
see Sue Mayle for more info!!**

Free Puppet Show

By Yahdah Ministries



May 9th @ 7PM

