

Faith In The Triune Godhead

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INTERCESSION FOR US AT THE FATHER'S RIGHT HAND*

It is the time we celebrate CHRISTMAS! It is the time when the whole world is acknowledging the birth of Christ, but unto you and I who are born again TT MEANS REJOICING BECAUSE JESUS CAME TO BECOME OUR MEANS OF SALVATION.

Now that I know Christ, I cannot conceive how I ever lived without Him. To think a King such as this would be born into this world and even die for me is, at times, more than I can imagine.

If the English language ever had shortcomings, the breakdown comes when trying to describe the love God has for you and me. Maybe I can come the closest by defining the difference between mercy and grace.

Here is mercy ... you and I were lost in a void of spiritual death, alienated from the promises of God with absolutely no rights. We had no access to God ... not even the right to approach Him. We had absolutely nothing to bargain with before an omnipotent, all-powerful God. Yet God reached out. He didn't have to but He did and He paid the price for a rebellious people.

Now, because of His mercy, that which stood between God and you and me, has been bridged by the blood of Jesus. You see, it is one thing for a king to show mercy to a beggar and forgive him; but it is quite another thing for the same king to take that beggar to whom mercy has been shown and exalt him to the level of a king in his own kingdom. My friend, this is the grace of God!

When we speak of grace, many of us think of unmerited favor. This is correct ... but let's expand this meaning by creating, in our minds, a picture of God, our Father, running toward us with His arms full of gifts for us to reach out and take by faith. Not one of these gifts is earned. Not one of these gifts is merited, but they are given because He loves us so! He seeks ways to give to us. Can you see it? This grace is God's character. It is Him! He loves us so much!

I really like the verse in I Timothy 1:14 that tells us about His love. I particularly like it in the amplified version.

"And the grace (unmerited favor and blessings) of our Lord flowed out super-abundantly and beyond measure for me, accompanied by faith and love that are to be realized in Christ Jesus."

The essence of the Triune God is manifested in us as we are in His Presence by being in the Word, prayer, and meditation.

So, as you and I bask in the love of God, just remember that we owe it all to Him and His incredible plan of redemption and our Mediator, a man called Jesus Christ.

The exact day Christ made His appearance or advent is unknown, but we set aside a day to honor His willingness to humble Himself and come to earth as a man, like us.

At this Christmas season - our hearts are full of gratitude for the immeasurable gift of mercy and grace that came to us in the person of Jesus Christ. His entry into this world caused Him to have authority on this planet to effect our priceless redemption.

When I hear anointed songs like "Joy to the World", my heart fills to overflowing with appreciation for the gift of His Son. Christmas is a time when we can be together with our family and friends. We, who know Christ thrill to the words of the angel who said, "Behold, I bring you tidings of great joy." As we celebrate this Christmas Season, let us be filled with the Joy of His Coming - God's gift of Jesus! His Son to us!

When we think about receiving God's gift to us of Jesus and Jesus' gift to us of salvation, we see that the Father and the Son gave us their very best. One of my favorite illustrations of giving is found in Mark 12:41-44 which says: *"And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them Verily I say unto you That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living."*

Have you ever wondered who this widow woman was who loved God so much that, even though she had lost her husband, she was not bitter at God. Even though she was poor and the temple where she had cast in all of her living cost a fortune to build, she was not full of resentment at God because religion seemed to have so much while she had so little.

One thing I know for sure, the faith of this woman touched the heart of God and you can rest assured that He took care of her, for this woman's faith has become a permanent part of the Word of God and shall stand as a testimony FOREVER!

Remember this, it is not the lawful act of giving out of duty or fear or because you feel obligated from being pressured and condemned that causes God's greatest blessings.

In the case of the widow woman, it was not the amount that she gave. The amount was nothing. It was the tremendous faith that she had in God that caused her to look past the wealth of the temple, past the hurt of losing her husband and being left destitute.

The kind of faith that says, "Father God, I trust you with all my heart and I will serve you when times are good and I will serve you when times are bad, either way, Father God, I will serve you."

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In Luke 6:38, Jesus said that the measure that you mete ... or the measure that you give, shall be

measured unto you again.

How could the widow woman have given more than all the rich men who cast their money into the treasury that day if the measure that she gave was not based on the measure of faith that it took her to give it?

Jesus was not against those rich men who gave out of their abundance any more than He is against systematic tithing or giving a set amount each month.

But, as far as heaven is concerned, the rewards and blessings are not based on the amount you give as much as it is on the faith that it took for you to give it. One man could give \$50,000.00 and it would mean nothing to him. Another could give \$5.00 and it mean the whole world.

A man's life does not consist of the abundance of the things he has! A lot of wealthy Christians are just as smart as the world when it comes to making money. They capitalize on a free enterprise system and can match the sinner dollar for dollar. But let the system collapse and the same faith that they displayed when they gave the \$50,000.00 would not be enough faith to believe in a loaf of bread! Whereas, on the other hand, the person who had the faith to give the \$5.00 would be sustained under the same circumstances.

IT IS NOT THE AMOUNT, IT IS THE FAITH THAT IT TAKES YOU TO GIVE IT! Hebrews 11:1 says, *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."*

Let me tell you what faith really is. It is the ability to believe and, even though you cannot see what you are believing for, something on the inside does not care, it has the ability to believe it anyway. The issue surrounding faith is not "WHAT" you are believing for ... whether it be finances or healing ... but rather the issue is whether or not you can believe that something exists that you cannot see!

Believe me, if you can believe that something exists in one area that you cannot see such as finances, then you can believe something exists in other areas that you cannot see such as healing and the salvation of lost loved ones, etc.! It is the same kind of faith that the widow woman had when she reached into the heart of God and touched Him with two mites and a million dollars worth of FAITH!

During this season of giving, I encourage and challenge you to have faith like the widow woman. See others the way God sees them. Be merciful, gracious, and full of loving-kindness. Give of your self and experience the joy that comes from being a blessing, extending mercy and grace to others when they aren't expecting it.

I hope you will have great joy in the knowledge of God's grace and mercy, knowing that you and I are the reason for Jesus being born an infant in a manger. We are the reason He lived, died, and rose again and now ever lives to **MAKE INTERCESSION FOR US AT THE FATHER'S RIGHT HAND.**