

The God I Wish You Knew

God is Merciful

Part Five

1 John 4:7–8

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." (NIV)

Everything God does in one way or another expresses His love.

Out of the abundance of God's love flows His mercy.

Ephesians 2:3

Luke 1:77 & 78

1/ The God I wish you knew is a God of mercy.

Exodus 33:19

Exodus 34:6 & 7

"The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin." (ESV)

The first and greatest truth about God is that He is a "God merciful and gracious."

2/ The God I wish you knew, answers our mess-ups with His mercy.

Lamentations 3:22–23

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his mercies never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (NIV)

2 Chronicles 30:9

Psalms 86:5

Psalms 103:8

Psalms 111:4

Psalms 51

2 Samuel 24:13 & 14

Mercy is "compassion or forbearance shown to an offender."

With justice, you get what you deserve.
With mercy, you don't get what you deserve.
With grace, you get what you don't deserve.

Matthew 18:32–33

"Then the master called the servant in. You wicked servant, he said, I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" (NIV)

3/ The God I Wish You Knew, sent Jesus to embody mercy.

Jesus is the mercy of God made human.

Romans 9:15 & 16

"For he says to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion. So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy." (NIV)

The God "who has mercy" — literally, the mercy-having God.

Romans 9:22 & 23

"Our God is not just powerful. He is not simply a God of uncompromising justice. He is the mercy-having God."

4/ The God I Wish You Knew desires that we extend mercy to others.

Mercy is "compassionate treatment of those in distress."

Luke 10:37

"The expert in the law replied, The one who had mercy on him. Jesus told him, Go and do likewise." (NIV)

Matthew 5:7

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." (NIV)

Luke 6:36

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (NIV)

Psalms 23:6

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." (NIV)

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