

## All Grace Is Undeserved

Jonah 2:1-10

Grace is **getting** what you DON'T deserve.

Mercy is **not getting** what you DO deserve.

### 1. **Nineveh** represents the lost world.

*"Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."* —Jonah 1:2

Both Jonah and Nineveh were lost.

Jonah in rebellion, **self-centeredness**.

Nineveh in ignorance and **idol worship**.

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*But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish.* —Jonah 1:3

### 2. We do not **deserve** compassion.

*"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* —Romans 3:23

The Message of the Book of Romans: (Romans 1:18-20, 2:9-12, 3:9-10, 11:18-21)

All the world stands **condemned** before a holy God.

We are saved by God's grace through **faith** alone.

3. God gives **compassion**: it's God's Nature.

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God shows compassion to Jonah, the angry reluctant child, by:

**Forgiving** (attitudes and actions)

**Rescuing** his life, and

Giving him a **second** chance.

*When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.*

—Jonah 3:10

God shows compassion to Nineveh, the wicked, idol worshipping son, by:

**Accepting** their repentance,

Relenting of His **anger**, and

**Forgiving** and sparing their lives.

Grace is the undeserved favor of God.

Grace is also **under**-served.

Often, the Church who has received God's grace:

**Refuses** to offer grace.

Instead, offers **religion**.

**Memory verse:**

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