



4. **"God, being rich in mercy,"**
is the guarantee of our _____.

God is described in many ways throughout the Bible, but only once is God described as "rich" as a particular quality. Ephesians 2:4 describes God as "being rich in mercy." What do we make of that and what does it mean for us? This week we ponder that phrase together!

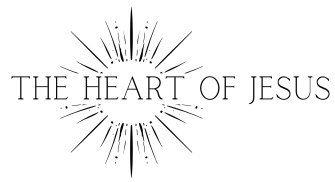
1. **"God, being rich in mercy,"**
is a _____ of who God is.

NEXT STEPS to help us internalize, believe and feel God's mercy.

1. Soak in this text and all the texts we've looked at this summer.
2. See and come to Jesus, the embodiment and incarnation of God's mercy. Read the Gospels. Watch *The Chosen*.
3. Look for and contemplate God's mercies in your life and give thanks. Sometimes we don't feel God's mercies, because we're not noticing God's mercies.
4. In your suffering and sin, run boldly to the throne of grace to find mercy and help in your time of need.

2. **"God, being rich in mercy,"**
is the answer to our _____.

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is the reason for our _____.



The Mercy of Jesus
Ephesians 2:1-7
Sunday, August 29, 2021

Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org. Our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.

CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

What does the transition from summer to fall mean for your life? What's good and hard about that transition?

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read Ephesians 2:1-7. How did you "come under" God's Word in the text and message this week?
2. How have you been processing this deep dive into the heart of Jesus this summer? What difference has the series made in your life?
3. How familiar are you with this Ephesians 2 text? What was new this time through?

4. What does the phrase "God, being rich in mercy" mean?

5. What is your default way of thinking about God? Why do we/you have a hard time seeing God as "being rich in mercy?"

6. Hearing these truths about the heart of God/Jesus is one thing. Believing them is another thing altogether. Which of the next steps will you take this week to help you believe the mercy of God toward you? Why?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Pray for those struggling through Covid. Pray for elimination of Covid. Pray for God's mercy to be poured out in the midst of Covid.
- Together, boldly run to God's throne of grace to find mercy and help in time your time of need.