

West Valley Church of Christ – October 1, 2023

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Devotional: 6:30 p.m.

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GOD IS RICH IN MERCY

I Timothy 1:13-14, “Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.” As believers we must never lose sight of the fact that we do not deserve mercy (Ephesians 2:1-5). The Apostle Paul plainly admitted he was no better than anyone else. In fact, he called himself the “chief of sinners” (I Timothy 1:15). Paul’s life had been touched by mercy and grace, both of which he did not deserve, nor do we. This truth alone, gives us a foundational reason to show mercy and be gracious. Jesus said, “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy” (Matthew 5:7). Grace and mercy are often linked together in the scriptures and when they are, peace is always nearby. “Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father’s Son, will be with us in truth and love” (2 John 1:3). The Christian life is not about judging, condemning, and looking down on others. It is about loving others and following a God who is willing to extend grace and mercy to people who do not deserve it. His mercy towards us requires something of us. Micah 6:8b, “And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”



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