

# The Difference Between Receiving Justice, Grace and Mercy from God

There are **four concepts** that we must keep in mind in order to better understand the way people—over the course of their life—experience God. They are the four categories, or concepts, or realities of **Justice**, **Non-Justice**, **Mercy** and **Grace**.

## **Justice:**

Anything that you receive that you **do deserve** and that is **owed** to you

vs.

## **Non-Justice:**

Anything that you receive that you **don't deserve** and that is **not owed** to you. There are **three types** of **Non-Justice**.

**Justice** is getting either:

- **The blessing** that you **do deserve**

-- or --

- **The punishment** that you **do deserve**.

**Justice** therefore is always a **righteous act** on the part of God when He displays it.

Furthermore, **Justice** is **always** something that is **owed** to you.

**Injustice** is either:

- **Not getting** a blessing that you **do deserve**

-- or --

- **Getting** a punishment that you **don't deserve**.

**Injustice** therefore is always an **evil act** and something which God simply **cannot** display.

Furthermore, **Injustice** is obviously **never** something that is **owed** to you.

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**Mercy** is:

- **Not getting** the punishment that you **do deserve**.

**Mercy** is always a **righteous act** on the part of God when He displays it.

Furthermore, **Mercy** is **a gift** and is **never** something that is **owed** to you.

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**Grace** is:

- **Getting** a blessing that you **don't deserve**.

**Grace** is always a **righteous act** on the part of God when He displays it.

Furthermore, **Grace** is **a gift** and is **never** something that is **owed** to you.

When God gives **eternal punishment** to sinners who have **never honored Him in their life** and who have repeatedly **exchanged His glory for images of their own making** and **worshipped their idols instead of Him** (in whatever form that sin has been displayed in their life) --- who gets **justice** as they are **punished**? **They** do --- and it is **a righteous display** of His glorious character as a **God of justice** when He gives this justice to them.

On the other hand, when God gives **eternal salvation** to sinners who have **never honored Him in their life** prior to that moment of their salvation and who prior to that moment have repeatedly **exchanged His glory for images of their own making** and **worshipped their idols instead of Him** --- who gets **mercy** and **grace** as they are saved? They do --- and this is **a righteous display** of His glorious character as a **God of mercy** and **grace** when He does so.

Between these two groups of people then --- those who receive **the just punishment** that **they do deserve** for their sins ... and those who instead receive **mercy** and **grace** that **they don't deserve** for their sins --- between these two groups of people --- who gets **Injustice**? No one.