



Rehoboth Reformed Church

Thoroughly Equipped Radio Program Outline

August 4, 2013

Title: It's Not Fair! (Jonah 3:5-10)

Main Point. A simple definition of **mercy** is **not getting what you deserve**. God, in his great mercy, provided a way of escaping the wrath and curse that we deserve because of our sin. How should you respond to His mercy and grace to you? How should you respond to His mercy and grace to others who don't deserve it, especially those who hate you?

Bible Study Methods: While reading any passage of Scripture, we must keep in mind those whom the author was originally intending to receive his message (historical context). Doing so will help us to better understand what the Holy Spirit intends for us to know, believe, and do. Also we should look for other portions of Scripture that relate to the text we are studying.

I. Compare and Contrast Jonah chapter 1 with Jonah chapter 3

II. The wicked people of Ninevah repent and believe the Word of the Lord

III. The wicked king of Ninevah repents and believes the Word of the Lord

IV. God's merciful response - Amazing grace!

V. God's message of judgment can be a message of mercy if we have eyes to see it

Conclusion: The amazing mercy of God in Christ, how wonderful it is to those who understand and avail themselves of His message. Do you know and embrace this message of mercy and grace? Do those around you see the difference that knowledge and faith has made in your life?

Preparations for next Sunday's program: We will continue to study one of the most fascinating books of the Bible that record God's dealing with a rebellious prophet and how He showed His mercy to many who didn't deserve it. Please read Jonah chapter 4 and consider how what you know about God affects your action on a day to day basis.

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