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The God of Justice AND Mercy

Mercy = God not giving us what we do deserve.

Justice = dispensing of deserved punishment. Based on actions.

Fairness = Equality, no bias. Based on outcome.

Wrath = God's response to human sin and disobedience (Revelation).

Grace = God giving us what we don't deserve. Unmerited favor.

I. Perspective

A. God of the Old Testament

God 2 Timothy 3:16, Jonah, Nahum, Romans 1:18-20

1. **Loving**

2. **Vengeful**

Romans 1:18-20

B. God of the New Testament

Jesus 1 Peter 3:18, Acts 5:1-11, Deut. 14:29, James 1:27

1. **Gracious**

2. **Merciful**

II. Response:

A. Christ-ones

Choice

1. **Obey**

Romans 12:1

2. **Disobey**

B. Undecided-ones

Choice

1. **Accept**

2. **Reject**

"...Chose this day who you will serve..." - Joshua 24:15

Conclusion:

God is just AND merciful

God's justice -

requires a payment for sin.

God's mercy -

provided a payment for sin.

1 Peter 1:3-5, Romans 10:9-10

1 Peter 2:23-25, Colossians 3:5-7, 12-17, Psalm 89:14, Matthew 23:23, Romans 5:9, 8:1, Zechariah 7:8-11, Luke 16:19-31

