

Grace and Mercy

- **Mercy is God withholding the punishment we rightfully deserve
Grace is God not only withholding that punishment but offering
the most precious of gifts instead**
- **Mercy withholds the knife from the heart of Isaac; Grace
provides the ram in the thicket**
- **Mercy runs to forgive the Prodigal Son; Grace throws a party
with every extravagance**
- **Mercy bandages the wounds of the man beaten by robbers;
Grace covers the cost of his full recovery**
- **Mercy hears the cry of the thief on the cross; Grace promises
paradise that very day**
- **Mercy pays the penalty for our sins at the Cross; Grace
substitutes the righteousness of Christ for our wickedness**
- **Mercy converts Paul on the road to Damascus; Grace calls him
to be an apostle**
- **Mercy saves John Newton from a life of rebellion and sin; Grace
makes him a pastor and author of a timeless hymn**
- **Mercy closes the door to hell; Grace opens the door to heaven**
- **Mercy withholds what we have earned; Grace provides blessings
we have not earned**
- **Mercy saved me from a life of rebellion and sin; being hurt and
hurting others; wreaking a trail of havoc; and Grace restored
me and healed me and called me to be a cowboy pastor**