



“Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. Yes, the LORD shall give that which is good, and our land shall give her increase. Righteousness shall go before Him, and shall set us in the way of His steps.” Psalm 85:10-13

Mercy and truth are met together in one Person. Righteousness and peace have also met together and have kissed in that one Person. “And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14). Jesus Christ is the complete picture of mercy and peace, but He is also the final word on truth and righteousness!

“I am the truth.” (John 14:6) “God is love.” (1 John 4:8, 16).

It is in Jesus Christ that mankind finds the summation of all truth – for He is the Truth, but in Him we also find the supreme mercy of God. If we had not found these qualities having met together in Him, we would, on the one hand, find a severe and quick judgment for our sin without any hope of redemption. On the other hand, we would find the terrible injustice of our fate being decided by a divine whim of emotions not altogether dissimilar from the ancient childishness of Greek gods and demagogues. Chaos would be the final and supreme final word. But God...!

But because of Jesus, we have found in Him the love of God as well as the justice of God, and we now may look forward to and can expect that same mercy and love to provide us God’s very best. And it is precisely because of His righteousness and His peace having met together, that we may also expect Him to be consistent and just in all His dealings with us – enabling us to trust His every promise and reverence His every judgment!

“Lord God, I want to follow in Your ways, not merely because of the vast abundance that is there, but I want to follow You because I have seen Your mercy and Your righteousness – having seen the face of Your Christ! I want to know Jesus more and more. I confess that Your plan for me is always a good plan, and today I rest in that knowledge. Thank You for setting me in the way of Your steps. Thank You.”

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