

# Sermon Outline

## A GOD WHO IS RICH IN MERCY | Geoffrey Lin

Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles 29:1-20 (p.611)

Why we're doing this series ...

### 1. God made us to enjoy everything which belongs to Him (even though He didn't need to)

Ps 8:1 LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. 2 Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. 3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? 5 **You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. 6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet:** 7 all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, 8 the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. 9 LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Rom 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

### 2. God saved us from our sins (even though we were deserving of His wrath)

Eph 2:1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. 4 But because of his great love for us, **God, who is rich in mercy,** 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

- "mercy" > "unexpected blessing" or "windfall gain"

- Tim Keller: "the gospel is that you are more sinful than you know and more loved than you can imagine"

### 3. In Christ, God shows us the meaning of "sacrifice for the sake of others"

2 Cor 8:7 But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 8 I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

- G.R.A.C.E = God's Redemption At Christ's Expense

Rom 8:32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

#### So what, for us?

##### i. never think we can do enough to remove the need for Christ to die

Gal 2:21 I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!

##### ii. constantly resolve to be generous (because of God's prior generosity to us)

Mt 21:35 This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.

1 Chr 29:14 But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and **we have given you only what comes from your hand.**

- generosity ≠ "giving to God" = "giving BACK to God"

Gospel Generosity		
24/8	A God who is rich in mercy	1 Chr 29:1-20
31/8	What should we do with all our stuff?	Lk 12:13-21; Lk 16:1-15
7/9	Calling all gospel patrons	1 Tim 6:11-19
14/9	Putting it into practice	1 Cor 16:1-4; 2 Cor 8:1-4