

A DIVINE DILEMMA

God is Just

- His judgment is promised Ecclesiastes 12:14
- His judgment is just Psalm 51:4
- His judgment is certain Habakkuk 1:13; Psalm 11:4-7
- We all are before Him as unrighteous Romans 3:9-10, 23

God Does Not Want Any to Perish

- He takes no pleasure in punishment of wicked Ezekiel 18:23, 32
- He wants all to be saved 1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9

A DIVINE SOLUTION

God is Abundant in Mercy – Psalm 86:5

- He is the Father of mercies 2 Corinthians 1:3
- He is rich in mercy Ephesians 2:4
- His mercy is from everlasting to everlasting Psalm 103:17

MERCY TRIUMPHS OVER JUDGMENT

God's Mercy is More Powerful than His Judgment

- His mercy triumphs over judgment James 2:13
- Forgiveness of sin comes from mercy *Psalm 51:1-2*
- God's grace abounds much more Romans 5:20

Mercy Does Not Negate Judgment

- God's mercy doesn't mean He overlooks or ignores sin.
- Mercy and truth are joined *Proverbs 16:6*
- Mercy upon those according to a certain rule Galatians 6:16

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God's Mercy is Specific, Thus Conditional

- He will have mercy on whomever He will Romans 9:15, 18
- Location in Christ Galatians 6:12-16
 - Sure mercies of David *Isaiah 55:3; Acts 13:22-23, 32-34*
 - The "rule" involves a new creation 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 3:26-27; Romans 8:1; 1 Peter 1:3
- Manner of life *Jonah 2:8; James 2:13; 1 John 2:3-6* mercy can be forsaken.

