GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE

3 Letters From John – August 3, 2025

KEY SCRIPTURE

2 John 1; John 1:16; Ephesians 2:8–9; Romans 5:1

KEY POINTS

- God's grace, mercy, and peace are freely given through Jesus—and they are with us now.
- Walking in truth means living in alignment with God's Word, not just knowing it.
- Real love shows up in obedience and action, not just emotion or words.
- We must guard against false teaching by holding fast to Christ's truth.
- Grace, mercy, and peace are gifts that shape how we speak, forgive, and live.
- Mercy is not receiving what we do deserve (like not getting a speeding ticket).
- Grace is receiving what we don't deserve (instead of a ticket, the cop buys you donuts).
- Peace is resting in what Christ has done. It's being made right with God… complete wholeness, restoration, harmony, well-being. ***Shalom***.
- Mercy comes running… it is God's compassion coming toward us.
- Grace is how we are saved, not something we can work for or earn.
- Peace is a position, not a feeling. Peace with God, not just peace of mind.
- Grace, mercy, and peace are all given–none of them are earned.

DISCUSSION

- What does it mean to "walk in the truth" instead of just knowing the truth?
- How are grace, mercy, and peace different—and why do we need all three?
- How do you typically respond to spiritual deception or false teaching?
- What does real love look like in action in your daily life?
- In what area of your life do you need to rest in God's peace right now?