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- Love – “*agape*” self-sacrificial love
  - Rom. 5:6-8; John 3:16 – working definition of God’s love
  - While there was nothing redeemable in us, Christ died for us, showing God’s love for His creation
  - He has proven His love...He doesn’t have to do anything else but what He has already done to prove He loves us...

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- Grace – “*charis*” the friendly disposition from which blessings flow, the state of being in God’s favor
  - Eph. 1:7 – we have forgiveness through grace
  - Romans 5:2, 15, 17 – access grace through faith
  - Eph. 2:5-8 – saved through grace...but only with faith, which demands baptism Gal. 3:26-27
  - Gal. 5:4, 7 – It is possible to fall from grace
  - “*getting that which we don’t deserve...*”

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- Mercy – “*eleos*” outward manifestation of pity or compassion
  - Eph. 2:4 – Forgiveness is a working of His mercy
  - Titus 3:5 – We are saved by mercy
  - Grace always precedes mercy...we must come into His grace to receive mercy (I Tim. 1:2; II Tim. 1:2; Titus 1:4; II John 3)
  - *“not getting that which we do deserve...”*

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- We are saved by:
  - His love, grace, and mercy – Rom. 5:6-8, Eph. 1:7, 2:8; Titus 3:5
  - It's no wonder people get them confused and start meshing them together...they are interconnected...yet distinct!
  - All three together lead us to salvation but demand the same thing...obedience! Rom. 1:5; 11:30-32; 6:17-18