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the Son and the Spirit*

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# QUESTION

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*HOW EFFECTIVE WAS  
JESUS' DEATH ON THE  
CROSS?*

*HOW GOOD IS GOD  
REALLY?*



10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples.

11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "**Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?**" 12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

**MATTHEW 9:10-13**



18 All this is from God, who **reconciled us to himself** through Christ and **gave us the ministry of reconciliation**: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, **not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation**. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: **Be reconciled to God**. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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WHAT COMES INTO OUR  
MINDS WHEN WE THINK  
ABOUT GOD IS THE MOST  
IMPORTANT THING ABOUT  
US.

A.W.TOZER  
“THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY”



*If you think of God as homophobic, racist, mad at the world, this distorted vision of reality will shape you into a religious bigot who is- wait for it - homophobic, racist, and mad at the world.*

JOHN MARK COMER "GOD HAS A NAME"

*If you think of God as a left-coast, educated, LGBTQ-affirming progressive, that will shape your stereotype of the wealthy bohemian with the “we will not tolerate intolerance” bumper sticker on the back of your hybrid.*

JOHN MARK COMER “GOD HAS A NAME”



2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 **now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.**

1 PETER 2:2-3

Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that **God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?**

ROMANS 2:4

**COMPASSIONATE AND  
GRACIOUS**



RAHUM //  
*COMPASSIONATE*



5 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. 6 And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "**The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God**, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, 7 maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."

EXODUS 34:5-7

15 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! 16 See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.

ISAIAH 49:15-16



8 The Lord is **compassionate and gracious**, slow to anger,  
abounding in love. . . . 13 As **a father has compassion on his  
children**, so **the Lord has compassion** on those who fear him;  
14 for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are  
dust.

PSALM 103:8,13-14



WE-HANUN // *GRACIOUS*



22 Hazael king of Aram oppressed Israel throughout the reign of Jehoahaz. 23 But **the Lord was gracious to them and had compassion and showed concern for them** because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

2 KINGS 13:22-23



15 But Lord, your nurturing love is tender and gentle. You are slow to get angry yet so swift to show your faithful love. **You are full of abounding grace** and truth. 16 **Bring me to your grace-fountain so that your strength becomes mine.** Be my hero and come **rescue your servant once again.**

PSALM 86:15-16



2 He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. **I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God**, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. 3 Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

**JONAH 4:2-3**



20 So he got up and went to his father." But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was **filled with compassion for him**; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

**LUKE 15:20**



44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 **that you may be children of your Father in heaven.** He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous

**MATTHEW 5:44-45**



35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and **you will be children of the Most High**, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. 36 **Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.**

LUKE 6:35-36



# QUESTION S//

*WHO ARE YOUR ENEMIES?*

*WHO DO YOU HAVE THE  
DAILY OPPORTUNITY TO BE  
COMPASSIONATE AND  
GRACIOUS TO?*



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