

Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Dictionary definition of *mercy*: Compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm.

Greek word for *mercy*: *eleemones*

From Strong's Greek concordance: merciful, compassionate.

From the Greek word, *eleeo*: compassionate, concern for the misfortune or suffering of others.

I. God is Merciful – He always acts from the character of mercy.

Exodus 25:10-22 The Ark of the Covenant

Exodus 34:1-7 Moses on the Mountain of Sinai

Zechariah 7:9

Lamentations 3:22-23

Micah 6:8

Ezekiel 33:11

II. God is Both Justice & Mercy

Matthew 23:23-24

III. Mercy: A New Testament Church Message

1 Timothy 1:1-2 Grace, MERCY, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord

Jude 1:1-2 MERCY, peace and love be multiplied to you.

II John 1:1-3 Grace, MERCY and peace from God the Father and from Jesus be with us in truth and love.

I Peter 1:3-4 By His great MERCY, He has given us a new birth into a living hope.

Ephesians 2:4 God is rich (abundantly wealthy) in MERCY

Hebrews 4:16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive MERCY and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Romans 12:1 In view of God's MERCY, let us offer ourselves as a living sacrifice.

IV. Dispensers of Mercy

Matthew 25:35-40

Luke 10:25-37 The Good Samaritan

APPLICATION:

The BEATITUDES are Kingdom principles... characteristics.

They are seen, and they increase, in those who have surrendered to Jesus and welcome His presence into their lives.

Mercy is a character quality of Jesus that flows from us to assist in alleviating the pain and sorrow in others.

Does my willingness to show mercy depend on whether the circumstance is convenient?

"If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need, but has no compassion on them, how can the love of God be in that person?" I John 3:17
