




THE BEATITUDES

Living right-side-up in an upside-down world



¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and He began to teach them.



*3 Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*4 Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.*

*5 Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.*



6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.



9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*7 Blessed are the merciful,
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What is mercy?

mercy: compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm.

A photograph of a tree reflected in water, with the tree's reflection appearing upside down in the water. The background is a clear blue sky.

Grace vs. Mercy


Grace is *getting* what you *don't* deserve.

Mercy is *not getting* what you *do* deserve.



Mercy in the Bible

1. Greek: "*Eleos*": compassion, kindness
2. Hebrew: "*Hesed*": covenant love
3. Hebrew: "*Racham*": compassionate love



Psalm 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your **unfailing love** (*hesed*); according to your **great compassion** (*racham*), blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.





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- 2. Mercy enters the suffering of others.*
- 3. Mercy displays the gospel to the world.*

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Matt. 5:7: Blessed are the **merciful**.

Matt. 9:13: I desire **mercy**, not sacrifice.

Matt. 12:7: I desire **mercy**, not sacrifice.



Matt. 9:27: Have **mercy** on us.

Matt. 15:22: Have **mercy** on me.

Matt. 18:33: Shouldn't you have **mercy**.

Matt. 20:30: Have **mercy** on us.

Matt. 20:31: Have **mercy** on us.

Matt. 23:23: You have neglected... **mercy**.



Exodus 34:6

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a **merciful** and gracious God, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,



Psalm 145:8-9

The LORD is gracious and **merciful**, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his **mercy** is over all that he has made.



Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; **His mercies never end**; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.



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SAMARITAN

LUKE 10:25-37







Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers? The expert in the law replied, "**the one who showed mercy.**" Then Jesus told him, go and do likewise.



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Titus 3:5



“He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but **because of His mercy.**”

1 Peter 1:3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! **In his great mercy** he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.



Ephesians 2:4-5

“But God, **being rich in mercy**, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.





The Gospel is good news of mercy to the undeserving. The symbol of the religion of Jesus is the cross, not the scales."

-John Stott



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