

Mercy in Action

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Introduction

1. Matthew 5:7
2. Mercy is an attribute of God 2 Corinthians 1:3; Ephesians 2:4
3. Tom Holland has defined mercy as “compassion for people in need.”
4. We are all in need of mercy and grace. We do not want justice Romans 6:23; Titus 3:5
5. Mercy means that there is action. Let us see this mercy in action

II Discussion

1. Mercy in action
 - a. After the golden calf mercy was extended Exodus 33:19
 - b. After the spies came back with an evil report Numbers 14:18
 - c. Mercy must be extended to be received Matthew 5:7
 - d. Mercy must be extended with gladness Romans 12:8
 - e. We are saved by mercy Titus 3:5
2. Mercy in application
 - a. Mercy is an attribute of God
 - i. He is the Father of all mercies 2 Corinthians 1:3
 - ii. He is rich in mercy Ephesians 2:4
 - iii. We can be partakers of this nature 2 Peter 1:4
 - iv. We must be partakers of this nature Matthew 5:7
 - v. This is why we are called “Christians”
 - b. If we have mercy (compassion for people in need) then we too will work
 - i. We are saved by mercy Titus 3:5
 - ii. Others are in the grips, burden, suffering of sin Romans 3:23; John 8:31-34
 - iii. Thus we are to help others in this condition come out of it Matthew 28:18-20; Galatians 6:1; 2 Corinthians 1:3-5
3. Mercy in assignment
 - a. Joseph with his brothers Genesis 45:4-5
 - b. David with Saul 1 Samuel 26:9-10
 - c. Stephen Acts 7:59
 - d. Jesus Luke 23:34
 - e. Us? Matthew 6:15

III Conclusion

1. Are you merciful?
2. Do you have compassion for people in need, even your enemies?
3. We all need mercy! And desire mercy because the wages of sin is death
4. We do not want to dwell eternally in hell so we need to respond to God’s grace.

Source: Old sermon preached Batesville 9/7/86; Keys of the kingdom sermon outlines from Matthew by Tom Holland; The Sermon on the Mount by Eldred Stevens