

Moved to Mercy by the Great Mercy of God

James 2:8-13

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James viewed mercy as a command under the Law by which we will be judged for keeping or not keeping.

Three Truths About Mercy

The Call to Mercy

Matthew 6:14-15 - We can tell who has received mercy from God by the way that they show mercy to others.

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant :: Matthew 18:21-35

The Example of Mercy

As Christians, we are called to be merciful to others as God has been merciful to us.

Ephesians View of Mercy

Ephesians 2:1-3 :: Dead in trespasses & sins, children of wrath, following Satan, following the world, following our own passions & desires

Ephesians 2:12-13 :: We had no hope and were without God in this world. But Christ himself is our peace, and he has brought us near to God by His own blood.

Ephesians 4:1-3, 31-32 - Therefore, let how God has treated you affect the way that you treat others. As God is merciful to you, so you be merciful to others.

Definition of Mercy

God's mercy is His tenderhearted, loving compassion for His people. It is His tenderness of heart toward the needy. If grace contemplates man as sinful, guilty, and condemned, mercy sees him as miserable and needy.
- Millard Erickson

Mercy is not merely feelings of compassion. It is an emotion that leads to a willing act to help someone in need. Mercy is compassion in action.

The Act of Mercy

There is no greater mercy that can be given than to point others to Jesus.

Three Promises of Forgiveness

1. I will not bring it up to you
2. I will not bring it up to others
3. I will not dwell on it

Hebrews 8:12 - *For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.*"

1 John 3:1 - *How great the love lavished on us all that we should be considered children of God, and so we are.*

By God's mercy we are rescued and adopted children of God through Jesus Christ