

Blessed Are The Merciful

Matthew 5.7

- 1) Illustration: People remember mercy longer.
- 2) What are the beatitudes?
- 3) The Beatitudes are not a list of personality traits; they are a portrait of a transformed heart.
- 4) Jesus says the blessed life—the flourishing life—is found in mercy.

I) The _____ Of Mercy.

- A. The Greek word translated “mercy” means _____.
- B. Mercy in scripture includes:
 - 1) _____ for the suffering (Mark 6.34).
 - 2) _____ for the guilty (I John 1.9).
 - 3) _____ for the broken (2 Corinthians 2.5-8)
 - 4) _____ for the vulnerable (Proverbs 31.8, 9).
- C. Being merciful does not feel natural.

II) _____ Of Mercy.

- A. The _____ of _____ (Numbers 25.8).
- B. _____ in _____ (I Samuel 15.33, 34).

III) The _____ Of Mercy.

- A. The Good Samaritan (Luke 10.37).
- B. Jesus—
 - 1) Two blind men (Matthew 9.27).
 - 2) A Syrophenician woman (Matthew 15.22).
 - 3) A man pleading for his demon-possessed son (Matthew 17.15).
- C. What about me?

IV) _____ More Merciful.

- A. How?
- B. Mercy flows from remembering the mercy _____ has shown to _____.
- C. What mercy looks like in everyday life.

V) The _____ For Being Merciful.

- A. “They shall obtain mercy.”
 - 1) Who?
 - 2) One must show mercy to receive mercy (Luke 6.36; James 2.13).
- B. David prayed, “Have mercy on me, Lord, for I call to You all day long” (Psalm 86.3).
- C. The ultimate picture of mercy—The _____.

Conclusion: Do you need to receive God’s mercy today?



Good morning, dear church family!

As we mentioned in previous weeks, today we announce the nominees for additional elders for our congregation.

It started me to think that, with all of the stress, division, bitterness, and hatred that we have going on now in our state, country, and world, our congregation has a unique opportunity. We have

the potential to demonstrate something that often feels rare in the broader culture—**unity in times of leadership transition.**

When new leaders are appointed, the moment can either bring uncertainty and division, or it can become a powerful testimony of trust, faith, and unity. Scripture reminds us that God desires His people to live and work together in harmony. The psalmist wrote, *“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!” (Psalm 133:1)*. In a world where leadership changes often produce conflict, criticism, and polarization, the church can lead the way by showing a better example.

When a congregation supports newly appointed elders, deacons, teachers, or ministry leaders with prayer, encouragement, and cooperation, it sends a message that the mission of Christ *is greater* than personal preference. Instead of focusing on differences, *the body focuses on the shared purpose of serving God and building up one another.*

The early church modeled this spirit when leaders were appointed in Acts 6. The congregation worked together, trusted the process, and continued to grow in faith and unity.

In many ways, the church can become a quiet but powerful example to the nation. When believers rally around their leaders with grace and encouragement, they demonstrate that unity is still possible when hearts are centered on Christ.

As we continue the process of installing new elders, I encourage you to reach out to them, and offer your support and encouragement to them, *and not only to them, but to one another.* -- You and our congregation will be blessed **AND** the Lord will be glorified.

--Les Keele

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MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Russ Bartee

Song Leader - Jonathan Bartee

Song - Faith Is The Victory

Song - Victory In Jesus

Song - Whispering Hope

Opening Prayer - David Birdow

Scripture - Matthew 5:7

Song - There Is A Fountain

Lord's Supper - Geoffrey Rodman

Prayer For Contribution - Geoffrey Rodman

Song - Mansion Over The Hilltop

Blessed Are The Merciful - Gary Williams

Song - What A Day That Will Be

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer and Dismissal - Russ Bartee

Attended Nursery: After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years and a mother's nursing room.

Single-side in-ear mono earbuds with personal receivers are available for those with hearing difficulties. Please see the sound booth at the back of the auditorium for assistance.

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Attendance**



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, March 15

Numbers 23; John 5

Tuesday, March 16

Numbers 24; John 6

Wednesday, March 17

Numbers 25; John 7

Thursday, March 18

Numbers 26; John 8

Friday, March 19

Numbers 27; John 9

Saturday, March 20

Numbers 28; John 10

LAST WEEK

Bible Class	107	Wednesday	101
Worship	185	Online	0
Thai-Lao	23	Contribution	\$ 7,636.46
On-Line Sunday	14	Budget	\$15,372.28

TIMES OF ASSEMBLIES

Bible Class	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening	7:00 PM