

The Merciful!

"Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy."

Matthew 5:7

As Jesus taught on the qualities of the Kingdom of God, His mercy becomes primary. Psalm 136 declares over and over,

"O give thanks to the Lord, for His mercy endures forever."

In both Old and New Testaments mercy is defined as an active, outward compassion, kindness, or goodness. God is so good that He has made a way (where there was no way) for you and I to be reconciled to Him! This mercy passes over our deserved punishment for sin. How did He do it? He paid the price for our sin in His own blood, the Blood of the Son.

So, mercy is no longer the issue; it has been given. Now, we must obtain it! The devil has no new thing; He tries to get you not to believe the truth or, to convince you that you've gone too far, that God has no mercy for you. But that is not the case. There is mercy for you and, you can obtain it!

Some think of mercy as a sentiment, a good feeling or idea. But true mercy creates and demands action! God is so merciful, God is so good, God is so kind, God is so full of compassion that He acted to rescue us while we were yet sinners! As we receive Jesus Christ and say "Yes!" to His plan and purpose, "Yes!" to His Lordship over our lives, His wonderful Holy Spirit comes as a seal in us, upon us, and through us. This is God's fullness. Jesus came to reveal the mercy of God. His cross became the Mercy Seat! The Spirit comes to live in His temple, the Body of Christ! And you have the opportunity to be a part of this! Just say "Yes!" to His Lordship over your life. When you become a part of Him, His very nature, the mercy of God is within you as well! Now you are an extension of His mercy to those around you. How do you obtain mercy? By giving it away!

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