

# Blessed are the Merciful, For They Shall Obtain Mercy



**Matthew 5:7**

- The Sermon on the Mount, found in Matthew Chapters 5-7, contains the words of Jesus Christ as He taught His disciples at the outset of His earthly ministry.
- Matthew 5:1-12, begins with the “beatitudes” which describes the character of every Kingdom citizen.

A. As we study these Eight Beatitudes found in Matthew 5:1-10, it will help us to grow in our understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

1. I believe we will learn the distinguishing marks of what it means to be a true Christian and not a carnal Christian.
2. I believe it will cause us to search our own hearts and view our own lives from Christ’s perspective and not the world’s perspective.
3. I believe these qualities reveal the true character of the citizens of the Kingdom of God. The blessing for every Kingdom citizen is the hope and glorious reward that we can expect both now and for eternity.

- The Purpose: to teach us what it truly means to be a true follower of Jesus Christ.
- The Goal: to make us aware of our need for God and to help us to pursue a life that is well-pleasing in the sight of God.
- The word “blessed” is known to mean happy or fortunate. There is a happiness that supersedes what’s happening around us – that is the inner joy and peace that Jesus Christ gives to every true believer.

○ Lessons Taught:

1. (Matthew 5:3) – Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Being “poor in spirit” is to be in spiritual poverty; to be conscious of one’s continual dependence on God.

2. **Matthew 5:4), “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”**
  - **The word “mourn” means to feel or express grief or sorrow; to have a broken heart over or to be in wailing.**
  - **It is a deep sorrow or to be broken hearted over the state of the world due to sin and the destruction it causes in the life of both believers and unbelievers.**
  
3. **(Matthew 5:5) – Blessed are the meek or humble, for they shall inherit the earth.”**
  - **Jesus Christ demonstrated meekness by His willingness to sacrifice His life for the life of many. (John 3:16, John 4:34, John 9:4-5)**
  - **The word “meek” means mild temper, gentle, or humble.**
  - **The word “meekness” does not mean weakness. In other words, it means power under control. (Proverbs 16:32, 25:28)**
  
4. **(Matthew 5:6) – Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.**
  - **To hunger and thirst is to have a starving spirit and a parched soul that craves for righteousness.**
  - 1. **The blessed believers truly hunger and thirst (genuine craving) each and every day to life for Christ and bring glory and honor to His name.**
  - 2. **The believer should also, never forget what God commands from each of His servants and that is to live a holy, sanctified and righteous life before Him and others. (1 Peter 1:13-16)**
  - **The blessed believers are those who are not satisfied with just being saved – there is a genuine craving within them to live for Christ and to serve God with their entire being.**
  - **The blessed believers understand that righteousness is more than a state of being but also a state of doing.**

## Blessed are the Merciful – Matthew 5:6

- Mercy is a characteristic of the One True and Living God. Our heavenly Father extends His kindness and grace to those who do not deserve it.
  - The Cross where our Savior died, is a perfect display of God's love, grace, and mercy. (Luke 23:34)
- A. Jesus says, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." (vs. 7)
1. To be "merciful" means to be actively compassionate.
    - It means to withhold punishment from guilty offenders. It means to forgive those who been justly accused of all wrongdoing.
    - To receive "mercy" is not getting what you deserve; the guilty should have received condemnation, but is shown compassion instead.
    - It is an act that is deliberate and intentional by meeting someone's need by forgiving and showing mercy.
  2. God's mercy is reflected in the cross of Christ and it's a direct reflection of His love, forgiveness and compassion for all mankind. (Ephesians 2:4-10)
  3. Through Jesus Christ we are now heirs of eternal life. (Titus 3:1-7)
    - We should never forget that we were once foolish, disobedient and deceived.
    - We were driven by the lust and desires of our flesh. We were slaves to sin and our hearts was full of malice, envy, hateful and hating on one another.
    - We are reminded that God showed us mercy, kindness and love through His Son Jesus Christ. (vs. 4)
    - We should never forget that through God's mercy that He drew us, saved us through His Son Jesus Christ and washed us through the regenerate and renewing presence and powered of the Holy Spirit. (vs. 6)

4. As believers we're supposed to make Jesus Christ clear and visible not to a select few, but toward all who stand in need of this hope that we have in Jesus Christ. (Matthew 5:14-16, John 15:12-16)
  - The believer's life and witness should resemble that of Jesus Christ, who willingly laid down His life for many. (Mark 10:45)
  - The believer's life and witness should resemble that of Jesus Christ, who willingly forgave all His accusers, in spite of being wrongly accused.
  - The believer's life and witness should resemble that of Jesus Christ, who loved the unlovable.
  - The believer's life and witness should resemble that of Jesus Christ, who showed mercy and compassion upon the guilty.
  
5. God's mercy not only shows us who He is, but it also reveals who we are. (1 John 3:11-18)
  - Christ-centered people can see the world through God's perspective, and they willingly allow His love and mercy to flow in and through their lives.
  - Those who are recipients of God's great mercy, should also be merciful toward others.
  - Every believer can be merciful. It is a choice, not something that has to be forced. It comes out of a sincere heart of gratitude toward God.
  - God instructs every believer to be merciful. (Luke 6:30-36)
  
- B. What does the mercy of God mean and reveal about us as Believers?
  - That they have the love of God dwelling in them. (1 John 3:17)
  - That their heart has been transformed by the nature of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 12:1-2, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 4:24, Colossians 3:10)
  - That they genuinely care about those who are lost and without hope in the world. (Luke 19:10, 1 Corinthians 9:22, Matthew 9:37-38)
  - That they have chosen not to be offended but chooses to love and walk in forgiveness. (Ephesians 4:32, Matthew 6:14, Colossians 3:13, Mark 11:25)

- **That they bear the burden of others and restore those who have fallen into sin. (Galatians 6:1-2)**