

# Miraculously Merciful

Text: Matthew 5:7

**Introduction:** If we are living as Jesus lived, we are billboards for Christ (Acts 1:8), effectively giving witness to his power and love. As we focus in on one of Christ's eight Beatitudes, we do so because those who demonstrate this attitude go a long way in promoting a positive image of Jesus Christ to the world.

## I. Our Natural Self Wants Mercy for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for others.

Exodus 21:24; Leviticus 24:20; Deut. 19:21; Matthew 6:38

“There is a difference between justice being carried out for justices' sake and the good of a society, and justice being executed in a vengeful and hateful way.”

Ephesians 4:26; Matthew 5:22; I John 3:15; 4:19-21

Hebrews 12:15

## II. Our Spiritual Self Want Mercy for Ourselves and \_\_\_\_\_ Mercy to \_\_\_\_\_ Also

Matthew 28:18-21; John 15:10, 14; I John 2:3-5

John 14:15, 21, 23; I John 5:3; II Corinthians 8:9

John 14:6; 8:1-11; 4:1-42

Matthew 9:36; 14:14; 15:32; 20:32; Mark 1:41; 6:34

Romans 12:1&2; Acts 3:1-10; 4:32-37; 5:12-16; 6:1-7

Luke 10:25-37

Isaiah 53:3; Luke 23:34; Psalm 103:10, 12; Luke 6:27-36

## III. Mercy Givers are also Mercy \_\_\_\_\_ John 3:16

Titus 3:5; James 2:12&13

Micah 6:8; Matthew 9:13; Romans 12:1

**Conclusion:** *“We cannot state the definition of mercy, without thinking at once of the cross of Jesus Christ. For it was here that God acted out of grace in mercy to fallen, sinful man. IN fact, God's act was so complete at the cross that there is a sense i n which the cross is the only place where sinful people can find mercy.” (James Montgomery Boice)*