

Ultimate Reality – Part 5

What Goes Around . . . Comes Around

Matthew 5:7; Ephesians 2:4-7

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy”

_____ _____ *merciful?*

Mercy

- Mercy extends relief.
- Mercy cures and heals.
- Mercy identifies with the miserable in their misery.
- Mercy is our response to pain, misery, and distress.
- Mercy is reaching out to those who are helpless and in need of salvation or assistance.
- Mercy is both forgiveness for the guilty and compassion on the needy.
- Mercy is not a surge of emotion; it is an act of intentional kindness.
- Mercy genuinely desires to lessen the suffering of others.

Grace

- Grace is love when love is understood.
- Grace extends pardon.
- Grace cleanses and reinstates.
- Grace deals with the sin itself – the very act or attitude of sin receives grace.

Luke 10:25 – 37

_____ _____ _____ *merciful?*

- **We are merciful when we recognize that we _____
_____ _____ _____.**
- **We are merciful when we _____ what we do
not deserve _____ who do not deserve it.**

Matthew 6:12, 14 – 15

James 2:13

Nothing proves more clearly that we have received mercy than our extending mercy. It is kin to forgiveness. If you cannot grant mercy, you cannot receive it. The very fact that you cannot receive it reveals that you do not understand it. You cannot grant what you do not comprehend.

Some practical reminders relating to grace and mercy:

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

This promise of this beatitude is to those who extend mercy first and receive mercy second.