

Mercy Forgives

SERIES: THE MIRACLE OF MERCY – Part 4

“Forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.” Matthew 6:12 (NLT)

MERCY: undeserved forgiveness & unearned kindness

1. MERCY MEANS GOD FORGIVES ME

- God WANTS to forgive me

“You are a God of forgiveness, always ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to become angry, and full of love and mercy.” Nehemiah 9:17b (LB)

“You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.” Micah 7:18b (NIV)

- God FREELY forgives me

“All of us have sinned...yet now God declares us ‘not guilty’ of offending him if we trust in Jesus Christ, who freely takes away our sins.” Romans 3:23-24 (LB)

- God IMMEDIATELY forgives me

“God is merciful and quick to forgive.” Isaiah 55:7b (TEV)

- God COMPLETELY forgives me

“...God forgave all our sins. He canceled the record that contained the charges against us. He took it and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ's cross.” Colossians 2:13-14 (NLT)

“You will have mercy on us again; you will conquer our sins. You will throw away all our sins into the deepest part of the sea.” Micah 7:19 (NCV)

“Mercy triumphs over judgment!” James 2:13 (NIV)

2. MERCY MEANS I FORGIVE OTHERS

QUIZ

- A person should not be forgiven until he or she asks for it. T F
- You haven't really forgiven until you've forgotten the offence. T F
- Forgiving includes minimizing the offense & the pain caused. T F
- Forgiveness includes restoring trust & reuniting a relationship. T F
- When I see someone hurt, it is my duty to forgive the offender. T F

➤ Forgiveness is not CONDITIONAL

*"Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you."
Ephesians 4:32b (MSG)*

➤ Forgiveness is not FORGETTING

"Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message." 2 Timothy 4:14-15 (NIV)

➤ Forgiveness is not TRUSTING

➤ Forgiveness is RELEASING IT TO GOD

*"Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."
Colossians 3:13b (NLT)*