

BLESSED?

**a series of mini-messages
on the beatitudes...**

Matthew 5:3-10

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**Jesus offers a counter-cultural
commentary on whom God
bestows His blessings.**

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☒ **Poor**

☒ **Humble**

☐ **Merciful**

☐ **Peacemaker**

☒ **Mourn**

☒ **Hunger & Thirst**

☐ **Pure Hearts**

☐ **Persecuted**

Matthew 5:7

Jesus tells us WHO is blessed

God blesses those who are merciful...

He tells us HOW they're blessed

...for they will be shown mercy.

Compassionate Heart & Forgiving Spirit

...mercy is not an unconscious or subconscious act; it's a deliberate effort to see the person, understand their need, and extend grace.

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(Jesus said) “Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: ‘I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.’”

- Matthew 9:13

How to show mercy...

- 1. Allow yourself to see misery through the eyes of God.**
- 2. Build bridges to the overlooked around the world.**
- 3. Extend forgiveness to those who have hurt you.**

*The faithful love of the Lord never
ends! His mercies never cease.
Great is his faithfulness; his mercies
begin afresh each morning.*

- Lamentations 3:22-23

“for they will be shown mercy”

What You Deserve

Sin separates from God and deserves punishment.

For the wages of sin are death... / Rom. 6:23a

What You Receive

Faith in Jesus allows us to receive God's grace.

But the free gift of God is eternal life... / Rom. 6:23b

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be merciful, there's no skill required;
it is an intentional act(s) resulting
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and decide to be merciful, you become
merciful by experiencing mercy.**

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