

# #Blessed

## Week 5 – Showing Mercy

**Matthew 7:28 - 29 (NLT)** <sup>28</sup>After Jesus finished speaking, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup>for he taught as one who had real authority—quite unlike the teachers of religious law.

Jesus' teaching often times isn't what we \_\_\_\_\_, but it is always what we \_\_\_\_\_.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth"

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled"

**"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."**

**Matthew 6:9 - 15 (NIV)** <sup>9</sup>"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup>your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>Give us today our daily bread. <sup>12</sup>Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' <sup>14</sup>For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup>But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

**James 2:12 - 13 (NLT)** <sup>12</sup>So whenever you speak, or whatever you do, remember that you will be judged by the law of love, the law that set you free. <sup>13</sup>For there will be no mercy for you if you have not been merciful to others. But if you have been merciful, then God's mercy toward you will win out over his judgment against you.

Why do I need mercy?

Because every choice comes with \_\_\_\_\_

**Revelation 20:11-12, 15 (NLT)** <sup>11</sup>And I saw a great white throne, and I saw the one who was sitting on it... <sup>12</sup>I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were

judged according to the things written in the books, according to what they had done... <sup>15</sup>And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.

Because you will be \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven for your deeds on \_\_\_\_\_

So Now What?

If I do my \_\_\_\_\_, God will do His \_\_\_\_\_

**Proverbs 21:13 (NLT)** <sup>13</sup>Those who shut their ears to the cries of the poor will be ignored in their own time of need.

**Matthew 18:32 - 33 (NLT)** <sup>32</sup>Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, 'You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?'

I do good works \_\_\_\_\_ of my salvation, not \_\_\_\_\_ my salvation

**Ephesians 2:8 - 9 (NLT)** <sup>8</sup>God saved you by his special favor when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup>Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

**1 John 3:9 (NLT)** <sup>9</sup>Those who have been born into God's family do not make a practice of sinning, because God's life is in them. So they can't keep on sinning, because they are children of God.

**James 2:26 (NLT)** <sup>26</sup>Just as the body is dead without a spirit, so also faith is dead without good deeds.

Final Thought: I know and understand that my actions and choices have a huge \_\_\_\_\_ on the big picture of my life. Being merciful isn't really about me; it is about God being able to work \_\_\_\_\_ me.