

Sermon Notes – 08.13.2023 – Commands of Jesus – “Be Merciful.”

Luke 6:36 "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

Mercy – Pity, then Compassion, though expressed through words, it is primarily shown through deeds.

Love covers a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:7-9 The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober *spirit* for the purpose of prayer. **8** Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. **9** Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

Matthew 18:15 "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother."

Our Character as We Approach What Jesus Commanded

Compassion and Humility from the Heart as a Matter of Course Because the Lord Forgave You

Colossians 3:12-13 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

- Value the Relationship More than Recompense
- Assuming good things about people
- Humbly Recognizing My Need to be Gracious and merciful because of My Shortcomings

When the Strong are Patient – The Weak are Built Up

Romans 15:1-3 Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves. **2** Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification. **3** For even **Christ did not please Himself;** but as it is written, "THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACHED YOU FELL ON ME."

Character of Believers

1 Peter 3:8-12 **To sum up,** all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; **9** not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing. **10** For, "THE ONE WHO DESIRES LIFE, TO LOVE AND SEE GOOD DAYS, MUST KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT. **11** "HE MUST TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; **HE MUST SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.**" **12** "FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE TOWARD THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER, BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL."

The Servant of the Lord Must Be/Not Be.

2 Timothy 2:24-25 The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, 25 with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth.

Why Must I Be Merciful?

Love Debt - God Has Shown Mercy to You

Mat 18:33 'Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you?'

Matthew 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

You Are Chosen By God

Colossians 3:12-13 So, as those who have been chosen of God...

2 Peter 1:8-11 For if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** For he who lacks these *qualities* is blind *or* short-sighted, having forgotten *his* purification from his former sins. **10** Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; 11 for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

In the Gifts of God's Grace in Romans 12

Romans 12:8 or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

It is Arrogant to Believe I Do Not Need Mercy

1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind *and* is not jealous; love does not brag *and* is not arrogant,

God's Wisdom that We Speak is Full of Mercy

Jas 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.

SO: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Luke 6:36"