

## FALL ON THE MOUNT: Part 6

### Inside Out

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#### Key Verse:

*“7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”*

#### Context:

*“23 And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. 24 So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. 25 And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.”*

The Beatitudes we see here in Matthew Chapter 5 is the **Manifesto of Christ** the King. *Matthew presents Christ as King, and this is the Manifesto of His Kingdom. All 8 beatitudes deal with inner attitudes, but as we look at the 5<sup>th</sup>, we begin to shift towards an outward expression. Let's look at what Christ is communicating through His sermon of the mount to His disciples, the crowds and religious leaders who gathered over 2000 years ago on a hillside overlooking the Sea of Galilee.*

#### **Biblical Truth #1**

**The Beatitudes are not about [redacted] behaviour modification, but [redacted] character development.**

These 8 beatitudes we are looking at is a 2-fold presentation of Christ's most famous sermon. Here Christ is telling us the truth of:

1. How we enter His Kingdom
2. How we are to live in His Kingdom

*We are not meant to control our Christianity; our Christianity is meant to control us!*

**QUESTION:** “Are we as a church, a place where we welcome those around us who feel like they are on the fringes both physically & spiritually?”



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#### Biblical Truth #2

Mercy given is \_\_\_\_\_ a “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” Theology

Let us not mistake the mercy this passage of scripture is talking about as “mercy give is mercy received.” Mercy is not a normal human characteristic Just look at the life of Christ, the most merciful individual that ever walked the face of this earth died by crucifixion!

#### ***What is Mercy?***

*Mercy vs. Forgiveness*

*Mercy vs. Love*

*Mercy vs. Grace*

*Mercy vs. Justice*

#### Biblical Truth #3

The \_\_\_\_\_ of mercy is God.

GOD is the subject of the second part of this verse. As we live lives marked by mercy, we will receive mercy from the King!

This is how we enter the battlefield and push against the culture of this world so that it may be transformed by the absolute truth of God!

#### **TAKEAWAYS:**

**So What???:** \_\_\_\_\_ - do you come to the cross of Christ and receive His mercy and not condemnation? Or do you come as someone who’s fallen into the trap of self-righteousness?



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**Be reminded, Christ came to turn the ways of this world upside down. He meets us all with His mercy and not condemnation as we are spiritually destitute in need of a Saviour. We don't deserve it, but He paid the price and is our HOPE!**

**Now What???:**  How will you live a life overflowing of the mercy you've first received, both physically and spiritually in this life?

***Physically:*** ***May we grow in being drawn to those on the fringes of our society and live out the mercy of God.***

***Spiritually:*** ***May we be a church and peoples that pray for the lost & preach the Gospel!***

***Cedar Grove, may we become a church and people of God's Kingdom that are givers and not takers. May we throw off any phony religion & mimic the ministry of Christ to draw those on the fringes both physically and spiritually into the Kingdom of God!***

