

**The Gospel of Matthew #30**

**Sermon on the Mount: How to Be Happy**

**#4: HAPPY ARE THE MERCIFUL**

**Matthew 5:7**

We live in a day when **revenge** us IN!

I. How mercy fits in the flow

#1 & 2: nature of repentance:      1. Admit sin & need

2. Grieve sin & need

#3: immediate change in heart: Gentle, not demanding  
Toward God → toward others

#4: overall change of heart at root: new hunger for righteousness

#5-7: 3 particulars of that hunger for righteousness:

#5: Merciful

#6: Purity

#7: Peacemaker

II. The expression of this mercy

A. Toward those who have wronged me

Not revenge but love

Eg: Jesus on cross: Luke 23:34

B. Toward the needy in my path

Not ignore but love

Eg: Good Samaritan: Luke 10:25-37

### III. The Gospel Promise: mercy past, present, future

I cannot return mercy for evil, or show compassion which costs me  
unless Christ's mercy to me has transformed my heart.

*Eph 2:3-6*

*P*\_\_\_\_\_

I need it to transform my heart every day! *Heb 4:16*  
Cf. *James 2:10-13*

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It is my hope of His mercy in the Day of Judgment that transforms me.

*Matt 5:7*

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So only those who will obtain mercy will be merciful.

It is a basic mark of Jesus' disciples (cf. 6:12, 14-5; 18:21-35)