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# Sermon on the Mount - More Perfectly

*...expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.*

Acts 18:26

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## The Sermon on the Mount Compared to Paul's Epistles

Part III

Matthew 5:7-9

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### 7: *Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.*

- Well, they eventually didn't receive the mercy they were told they could have!
  - ran out? or ignored? Didn't seek?
  - OT - off and on... with God's call based on their seeking, etc.
    - **Psalm 33:22** - *Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.*
  - Had to pray to receive it, too!
    - **Hebrews 4:16** - *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*
  - It was God's choice as to who and when!
    - **Romans 9:15-18** - *For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.*
  - But today, God allows things to continue on...
    - **Romans 2:5** - *But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;*
- Gentiles have it now!
  - **Romans 9:22-26**
  - **Romans 11:30,31**: *For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.*
    - We should show mercy to them, now!
      - **Romans 11:28** - *As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.*
- Show it with cheerfulness!
  - **Romans 12:8**: *Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.*

- Because of God's mercy, Paul is our pattern!
  - **Acts 9:20-22** - *And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests? But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.*
  - **I Timothy 1:16** - *Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.*
- Glorify God because of it!
  - **Romans 15:8-10** - *Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people.*
- The rule to follow!
  - **Galatians 6:16** - *And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.*
- We can pray for mercy on others as mercy to us, as well!
  - **Philippians 2:27** - *For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.*
  - **II Timothy 1:16** - *The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain:*
- God is rich in mercy!
  - **Ephesians 2:4-7** - *But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.*
- Our salvation is based on it!
  - **Titus 3:5** - *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*

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**8: Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.**

- Gospels - Great Commission
  - **Mark 12:30** - *And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.*
  - **Acts 8:37** - *And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.*
- Paul's Writings
  - **Ephesians 3:17** - *That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,*

- **Ephesians 6:5** - *Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;*
- **Ephesians 6:6** - *Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;*
- **Philippians 4:7** - *And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*
- **Colossians 3:16** - *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*
- **I Thessalonians 3:13** - *To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.*
- **II Thessalonians 3:5** - *And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.*
- **Tribulation**
  - **I Peter 1:22** - *Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:*
  - **I John 3:21** - *Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.*

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**9: Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.**

- **Gospel Peace**
  - **Matthew 5:25** - *Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.*
  - **Matthew 5:39-45**
  - Christ wouldn't even pass as a peacemaker!
    - **Matthew 10:34-36**
  - Paul says about them all (**Romans 3:9**)... **Romans 3:17** - *And the way of peace have they not known:*
- **Paul's Peace**
  - **Romans 5:1** - *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*
  - **Romans 10:15** - *And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!*
  - **Romans 12:18** - *If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.*
  - **Romans 14:19** - *Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.*
  - **I Corinthians 7:15** - *But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.*
  - **Galatians 6:16** - *And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.*

- **Ephesians 2:14,15** - *For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;*
- **Ephesians 2:17** - *And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.*
- **Ephesians 6:15** - *And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*
- **Philippians 4:7** - *And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*
- **Philippians 4:9** - *Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.*
- **Colossians 1:20** - *And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.*
- **I Thessalonians 5:13** - *And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.*
- **I Timothy 2:2** - *For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.*
- Tribulation peace?
  - **Hebrews 12:11**
  - **Hebrews 12:14**
  - **Hebrews 13:20-24**
  - **James 3:18**
  - **I Peter 3:11**
- Children of God
  - **Galatians 3:26** - *For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.*
  - **Romans 9:22-33**
  - **Romans 8:21** - *Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*
  - **Romans 8:16** - *The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:*

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The entire King James Bible is written FOR us, but it is not all written TO us!

We learn from the "For" and we try to apply the "TO!"