

THE MIRACLE OF MERCY

Part 3: Mercy Forgives

“Forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us” (Matthew 6:12 NLT).

MERCY: Undeserved Forgiveness and Unearned Kindness

1. MERCY MEANS GOD FORGIVES ME

- **God WANTS to forgive me**

“You are a God of forgiveness, always ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to become angry, and full of love and mercy” (Nehemiah 9:17b LB).

“You do not stay angry forever, but delight to show mercy” (Micah 7:18b NIV).

- **God FREELY forgives me.**

“All of us have sinned...yet now God declares us ‘not guilty’ of offending Him if we trust in Jesus Christ, who freely takes away our sins” (Romans 3:23-24 LB).

- **God IMMEDIATELY forgives me.**

“God is merciful and quick to forgive” (Isaiah 55:7b TEV).

- **God COMPLETELY forgives me.**

“...God forgave all our sins. He cancelled the record that contained the charges against us. He took it and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ’s cross” (Colossians 2:13-14 NLT).

“You will have mercy on us again; You will conquer our sins. You will throw away all our sins into the deepest part of the sea” (Micah 7:19 NCV).

“Mercy triumphs over judgment” (James 2:13 NIV).

2. MERCY MEANS I FORGIVE OTHERS

QUIZ

- A person should not be forgiven until he/she asks for it. T F
- You haven’t really forgiven until you have forgotten. T F
- Forgiving includes minimizing the offense and the pain. T F
- Forgiveness includes restoring trust and reuniting a relationship. T F
- When I see someone hurt, it is my duty to forgive the offender. T F

- **Forgiveness is NOT CONDITIONAL**

“Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you” (Ephesians 4:32b MSG).

- **Forgiveness is NOT FORGETTING**

“Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. You, too, should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message” (2 Timothy 4:14-15 NIV).

- **Forgiveness is NOT TRUSTING**

- **Forgiveness is RELEASING IT TO GOD**

“Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you MUST forgive others” (Colossians 3:13b NLT).