



**SCRIPTURE:** James 2:8-13

**SERIES:** The Book of James

**TITLE:** Gospel Mercy

**BIG IDEA:** We have been shown so great a mercy in Christ that His Gospel mercy empowers us to respond to others as mercy triumphs over judgement.

#### **TEXT**

<sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. <sup>11</sup>For he who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

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## 1. Gospel Mercy Begins with Gospel Love

*Application Question: Do I love others with the love Christ has shown me?*

- How does 2:1-7 set the stage for 8-13?
- What is the connection between love and mercy?
- What does it feel like when we are not shown mercy?
- What comfort does the knowledge of God's mercy and love bring to us?
- How does love cause mercy?
- How does our understanding of Christ's love empower us to grant mercy to others?

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## 2. Gospel Mercy Produces Gospel Mercy

*Application Question: Do I show mercy as Christ has shown me mercy?*

- How does our experience of God's profound mercy empower us to show mercy?
  - o Is there a parable that comes to mind when we consider this?
- Why is it so important to see that mercy is not what we do to earn salvation but to see that mercy is the result of salvation?
- Why is mercy such an attractive quality?
- What situations make mercy difficult to give?
- Is there anyone in my life I need to show greater mercy to?
- In what ways has Christ shown me mercy time after time?