

## Blessed are the merciful.....

### I. Introduction-

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.** I Thessalonians 5:17

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. He opened his mouth and taught them, saying blessed are the .....Mathew 5:1

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Blessed: *makarios, happy, blessed*

Authority: power to influence or to command opinion, or behavior

Disciple: *mathētēs*, a learner, pupil, disciple

Christian: *christianos*, a follower of Christ, little Christ

#### A. The power and purpose of the sermon on the mount-

#### B. Blessed are the merciful for they will receive mercy

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This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:21

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, Psalms 51:1

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— Ephesians 2:4

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God's riches and Christ expense

### II. Receiving God's blessing --

#### A. God's blessings are conditional -

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

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

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Conditional; subject to, dependent upon the fulfilling of a condition

#### B. God's nature is immutable and eternal-

1. God is holy-

God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. I John 4:16

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Galatians 5:22

2. God is immutable-

I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. Malachi 3:6

3. God is eternal-

4. God is infinitely powerful, knowing, present, sovereign

Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you. Jeremiah 32:17

Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. Psalm 139:7

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. Psalm 103:1

5. God unsearchable and inscrutable

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” Romans 11:3

### III. God' is always merciful, but is conditional on us receiving it-

My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:21

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### **III. The greatest love story ever told-**

#### **A. We born innocent before God-**

Calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Mathew 18:2

God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the tree that you die.’ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. Genesis 3:1

Innocent; free from guilt or sin especially through lack of knowledge of evil

1. We all start innocent

2. We all choose to reject the truth of our God given conscience and we sin-

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. I John 1:8 &10

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 3:22

#### **B. The consequences of sin-**

You were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. Ephesians 2:1

Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

Jeremiah 59:1

#### **C. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love-**

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— Ephesians 2:4

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Jn 3:16

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. I Peter 2:24

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If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:8

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. I Peter 1:3

### **III. God grace gives us far more than we deserve-**

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By grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:4

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Grace; God’s riches at Christ expense-

#### **A. By grace we are given every spiritual gift in the heavenly places-**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love, Ephesians 1:3

**B. By God's grace we are recreated for good works-**

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. II Corinthians 5:17

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