

“Undeserved”

2 Corinthians 1:3,4

A definition:

Mercy is the _____ treatment of those in _____. (Lk. 10:36,37; Eph. 2:4,5; 2 Cor. 1:3; Lk. 15:1–32)

Getting personal:

1. _____ in God’s mercy to _____.
(Lk. 6:36)
2. _____ God’s mercy to _____.
(2 Cor. 1:3,4)

Discussion Questions

1. Describe an act of mercy that you have personally experienced—either as the recipient of, or as the dispenser of, mercy. How did this act of mercy make you feel? Why?
2. The greatest act of mercy ever displayed is God’s mercy toward mankind. And yet, it normally is under-appreciated and even unappreciated. Why do you think this is? What is your responsibility in light of this failure by most to fully appreciate God’s mercy?
3. Read the parable of the Good Samaritan in Lk. 6:29–37. What is Jesus’ central point in this parable? How should you respond to what Jesus is teaching here?
4. Why is it often so hard to show mercy to others?
5. What kind of people are the easiest to show mercy to? What kind are the hardest to show mercy to? Should this affect how you dispense mercy? Why or why not?
6. Describe a world without mercy—a world without the mercy of God and a world without the mercy people show to one another. Clearly no one would want to live in such a world.
7. Read 2 Cor. 1:3,4. What do you see as the three most important truths taught in this passage? What are their practical ramifications to your life?



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