



GOD'S MERCY

DEFINITION

God's mercy means God's goodness toward those who are due punishment, he withholds what we have earned which the bible tells us is death (wages of sin is death). This attribute disposes God to be actively compassionate, which creates space for change and restoration. This is the important link between mercy and repentance. Mercy is not shown to the unrepentant but God loves to show mercy to anyone who calls on him.

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Micah 7:18 - Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. - NIV

FOLLOW-UP SCRIPTURES

Psalms 86:5, Luke 6:36, Hebrews 4:16, 2 Peter 3:9

FAITH

We must believe that it is God's desire to be merciful and forgive us. This means that we are trusting in his mercy moment by moment, the apostle John says that he who keeps on believing will be saved. Hebrews 4 tells us that we should approach God boldly, but that boldness comes from our understanding of God and his great delight in showing us his mercy.

HOPE

Our faith in his mercy gives us great hope in our coming redemption, that we will be ultimately saved and raised from the dead. Our faith impacts us now and our hope shapes our view of what is to come.

LOVE

God's mercy should cause us to pour out so much praise to God, because we who were in distress and misery, we who had no way out of the pit of sin we were trapped in have been shown mercy, we have been lifted up and rescued. It also shows us the kind of mercy that should be on display to the world around us. Even though we come across people who have sinned consciously against us and hurt us, like God in the face of repentance we should show mercy