

CHOSEN 2
Blessed Are The Merciful
Matthew 5:7
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Blinded By The Rules

Most all religions are **works-based**.

If we cannot keep the standard then we will need to plead for mercy.

Mercy For Those Who Fear God

*But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting for those who fear Him,
And His justice to the children's children.*
Psalm 103: 17 NAS

Mercy is asking to not get what you have rightfully earned.

To fear God is to respect Him because He **is** God of the universe.

God wants a heartfelt relationship with us.

The Jews reject the idea that the Messiah will die let alone die for their sins.

Mercy And Justice

*4 But when the kindness and love of **God our Savior** appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us generously through **Jesus Christ our Savior**, 7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.*
Titus 3:4-7 NIV

God loves us and has provided a means of salvation to satisfy the requirements of a **just** God.

Be Merciful

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
Mathew 5:7 NIV

We have been given mercy so we are to be merciful towards others if we want to keep receiving mercy.

Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. Matthew 23:23 NIV

God's mercy results in you being a kind and loving and merciful person. Not a judgmental self-centered rule keeper.

26 He did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.
Romans 3:21-26 NIV

Because of His mercy:

1. Nothing we've done or will ever do will make God stop loving us
2. God's presence goes before us and behind us and beside us.
3. We get to participate in the kingdom of mercy.
4. We are being remade in the image of Christ.

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. Galatians 2:20 NAS

It is no longer you who live but Christ living in and through you.