

## “WHO IS AT YOUR MERCY”

MATTHEW 5:7

*Christian Counter-Culture* MESSAGE #6

INTRODUCTION — PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN (LUKE 10)

RECAP: 8 BEATITUDES DESCRIBE CHRISTIAN CHARACTER  
8 BEATITUDES DISPLAY ORDER & PROGRESSION  
A TURNING-POINT BETWEEN FIRST FOUR & LAST FOUR

### A. MERCY DEFINED

1. MERCY IS NOT “GOING EASY ON SIN”
2. MERCY VS. GRACE
3. MERCY AS COMPASSION IN ACTION

### B. MERCY ILLUSTRATED

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| 1. BY NABAL (THE FOOL)        | 1 SAMUEL 25 |
| 2. BY A SAMARITAN             | LUKE 10     |
| 3. BY A SLAIN SAINT (STEPHEN) | ACTS 8      |
| 4. BY OUR SAVIOR              | EPHESIANS 2 |

### C. MERCY PROMISED

### D. MERCY MOTIVATORS

### ◇ Portia, in Shakespeare’s “Merchant of Venice”

*The quality of mercy is not strained.  
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven  
Upon the place beneath. It is twice blessed:  
It blesses him that gives and him that takes.  
'Tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes  
The throned monarch better than his crown —*

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## CLOSING THOUGHTS...

- SO, ARE YOU MERCIFUL? (FIND ASSURANCE)
- SO, WHO IS AT YOUR MERCY? (TAKE ACTION)