



GOD IS MERCIFUL | WEEK 3

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*"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." – A.W. Tozer*

God is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Mercy:** compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm

We don't feel God's \_\_\_\_\_. We feel God's \_\_\_\_\_.

*"...many of us tend to believe it is a love infected with disappointment. He loves us; but it's a flustered love. We see Him looking down on us with paternal affection but slightly raised eyebrows.... And the shoulders of our soul remain drooped in the presence of God." – Dane Ortlund*

When we think about God, why do we think that He is disappointed in us?

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*"God knows you for who you truly are and grieves for the distance between that truth and what you believe about yourself. It is from that gap of darkness and lies that we project God's disappointment and abandonment." – William Paul Young*

If we don't change our perception of God's mercy, we will never understand the full extent of His love.

*"To receive mercy we must first know that God is merciful. And it is not enough to believe that He once showed mercy to Noah or Abraham or David and will again show mercy in some happy future day. We must believe that God's mercy is boundless, free, and through Jesus Christ our Lord, available to us now in our present situation." – A.W. Tozer*

The Lord passed in front of Moses, calling out, "Yahweh! The Lord! The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness." Exodus 34:6

The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. Lamentations 3:22-23

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) Ephesians 2:4-5

How can we respond to the mercy of God?

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You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering. The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God. Psalms 51:16-17

People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy. Proverbs 28:13

2 Peter 3:8-9

Be \_\_\_\_\_.

"God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy." Matthew 5:7

*"In expressing spiritual mercy, we must show mercy to those who have sinned against us. Like our Father in heaven, we should be more willing to show mercy than the offender was willing to sin against us." – Mark Jones*

Will you receive His mercy so that you can extend mercy to others?



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