

Mercy Forgives

Miracle of Mercy – Part 3

“Forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.” Matthew 6:12 (NLT)

Mercy means that God has forgiven me.

1) God wants to forgive me.

“Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives?... You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.”

Micah 7:18 (NIV)

2) God freely forgives me.

“All of us have sinned . . . yet now God declares us ‘not guilty’ of offending him if we trust in Jesus Christ, who freely takes away our sins.”

Romans 3:23-24 (TLB)

3) God immediately forgives me.

“... God is merciful and quick to forgive.” Isaiah 55:7b (TEV)

4) God completely forgives me.

“... Jesus said, ‘It is finished....’” John 19:30 (NIV)

“... Mercy triumphs over judgment.” James 2:13b (NIV)

Mercy means I forgive others.

1) Forgiveness is not conditional.

“But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Matthew 6:15 (NIV)

2) Forgiveness is not forgetting.

“Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done.” 2 Timothy 4:14 (NIV)

3) Forgiveness does not mean restoring trust.

“You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.” 2 Timothy 4:15 (NIV)

4) Forgiveness is freedom.

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” John 8:36 (NIV)

“...Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” Colossians 3:13b (NIV)