



Prairie Rose EMC Sept. 13, 2020  
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James 2:13

*“You must show mercy to others, or God won’t show mercy to you when he judges you one day. But the person who shows mercy will stand without fear at the judgment. Mercy triumphs over judgment” (NIV84)*

*<sup>12</sup> Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, <sup>13</sup> because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment! (NLT)*

### **Mercy = Love in Action**

Two questions I want us to address this morning.

**I. Why does God expect me to show mercy to everyone?**

**II. How does God expect me to show mercy to everyone?**

**I. Why Does God Expect Me to Show Mercy to Everyone?**

1. Because God continually shows me mercy (Eph. 2:4-5a; Matt18:33)
2. Because God wants me to become like him (Hosea 6:6; Micah 6:8)
3. Because I need mercy to get into Heaven (Matt. 6:15; 5:7)
4. Because being merciful is a remedy for depression (Prov. 11:17; Job 42:10; Matt. 12:7)

*<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Matt. 5:7*

*<sup>17</sup> A kind man benefits himself, but a cruel man brings trouble on himself. Proverbs 11:17*

**II. How Does God Expect Me to Show Mercy to Everyone?**

1. Forgive people when they mess up (2 Cor. 2:7; Luke 11:4; Prov. 28:13)
2. Be patient with people’s quirks (Eph.4:2; Romans 15:7)
3. Show respect to people you disagree with (1 Peter 2:17; Eph. 4:31-32a; Luke 6:35-36)
4. Help anyone who is hurting (Prov. 3:27; Titus 3:5)

*<sup>7</sup> Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. Romans 15:7*

*Jesus saved us not because of the good things we did, but because of his mercy. Titus 3:5*

**Mercy is giving people what they need, not what they deserve**

### **PERSONAL APPLICATION**

1. Who do I need to forgive this week?
2. Who do I need to give another chance this week?
3. What quirk or irritation do I need to be patient with and accepting in a family member?
4. Who do I need to treat with respect this week that I disagree with?
5. Who is hurting that I could help this week?
6. Who has hurt me that could I respond to by doing good to them?
7. Commit Micah 6:8 to memory. *<sup>8</sup> He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God”*