

God is Merciful:

Mercy =

Three types of mercy:

- 1) _____ mercy—compassion for creation (Psalm 145:9)
- 2) _____ mercy—compassion for humans, giving them what they need to survive (Matthew 5:45)
- 3) _____ mercy—shown to the elect, sparing them from the punishment they deserve

The truth about God's mercy:

- 1) God only shows mercy to _____.

-Romans 9:15: "I will have _____ on whom I have _____"

-Read Joshua 6:15-25. How does this show God's mercy to some but not others?

-Some people receive _____ and some people receive mercy.

- 2) God is not _____ to show mercy to anyone.

-Because of our sin, we've given up our right to _____.

-We deserve justice. We do not deserve _____.

Implications of God's mercy.

- 1) We should show _____ to others.
- 2) We should _____ as we've been forgiven.

In creation God is not obligated to give us the gift of life. He is not in debt to us.

~R.C. Sproul~

God is Merciful:

Mercy = not getting what you deserve

Three types of mercy:

- 1) General mercy—compassion for creation (Psalm 145:9)
- 2) Special mercy—compassion for humans, giving them what they need to survive (Matthew 5:45)
- 3) Sovereign mercy—shown to the elect, sparing them from the punishment they deserve

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God chose to save Rahab and her family, even though she didn't deserve it. She was just as sinful as everyone else, but God chose to save her.

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- 1) We should show mercy to others.
- 2) We should forgive as we've been forgiven.