

Poverty of mercy

Three errors of thinking about mercy

- Self-efficacy view
- Self-righteous view
- Self-serving view

Picture of mercy

Mercy defined

Mercy compared

- Mercy and forgiveness
- Mercy and grace
- Mercy and justice

Mercy displayed

- Abraham
- Lot
- David

Picture of mercy

In Christ Jesus mercy and truth meet (Psalm 85:1-13)

In OT – the Mercy Seat (Exodus 25:10-22)



In NT – The Cross (Colossians 1:13-22)

Picture of mercy

What we learn from God's mercy shown to us

- The basis of mercy is love (Ephesians 2:4, 1 Cor 13)
- The means of mercy is sacrifice (Leviticus 16:1-11)
- The way of mercy is patience (1 Timothy 1:15-16)
- The well of mercy is bottomless (Lam. 3:19-24, 51-57)
- The result of mercy is peace (Psalm 25:4-11)
- The pattern of mercy (source: Warren Wiersbe)

Promise of mercy

"For they" – only those who show mercy, receive it

"Shall receive mercy"