

LET JESUS  
PILOT YOUR  
JOURNEY!



# Want To Have A Happy New Year

## A Look At The Beatitudes

### Matthew 5:7

Midweek - January 28, 2009 Pastor Bob

Being... poor in spirit.... mourning..... meek.... hungry and thirsty.... **HAPPY ARE THEY...** (WHY??)  
- What is obvious and significant with these first four Beatitudes?

Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the **merciful**: for they shall obtain mercy.  
- What does it mean to be “merciful”??

- Is there a difference between “mercy” and “grace”?? If so, what is it??  
- In what way does Jesus’ “story” illustrate this? Luke 10:30 - 36

- Does the concept of showing mercy to other people, with the expectation of receiving mercy from them, really work?  
- In what ways was Jesus “merciful”?  
- Look at John 8:1-10... Was He merciful there?  
- Matthew 8:16... In what way?  
- Matthew 12:15...  
- Luke 4:40...  
- BUT... were people willingly expressing “mercy” to Him? John 8:37, 59  
- In what way did people react to Jesus?  
- Do people naturally repay mercy with mercy??

#### DOES OUR SOCIETY REALLY SHOW MERCY???

- In what ways?  
  
- What about our philosophy in relation to Abortion??  
- Does it reveal mercy or brutality?? Explain.  
  
- Why do many want to show their “mercy” to a convicted murderer but not to an innocent baby?

#### IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU SHOW MERCY?

- How can we become more merciful??

#### WHAT IS THE ONLY REAL SOURCE of MERCY?

- Many Scriptures....  
- Matthew 9:13, 27; 15:22; 17:15; 20:30,31  
- Romans 9:15; 11:30-33  
- 1 Corinthians 7:25  
- 2 Corinthians 2:41  
- Titus 3:5  
- 1 Peter 2:10  
- Lamentations 3:22

#### WHAT DOES THIS BEATITUDE TEACH YOU??

WHAT IS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN GOD’S MERCY AND FORGIVENESS?? Matthew 6:14,15