

The Sermon On The Mount
Merciful People That Are Satisfied
Matthew 5:1-7

“It would be well from the beginning to picture yourself as a poor, naked, miserable wretch, perishing of hunger, who knows but one man of whom he can ask or hope for help; or as a sick person, covered with sores and ready to die unless some pitiful physician will take him in hand and heal him. These are true pictures of our condition before God...Again, your soul is infinitely more sin-sick than that sore stricken patient, and God alone can heal you.”

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Matthew 5:1 Seeing the **crowds**, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his **disciples** came to him.

Matthew 5:2 And he opened his mouth and **taught them**, saying:

Matthew 5:3 “**Blessed** are the **poor in spirit**, for theirs **is the kingdom of heaven**.

Matthew 5:4 “**Blessed** are those who **mourn**, for they **shall be comforted**.

Matthew 5:5 “**Blessed** are the **meek**, for they **shall inherit the earth**.

Matthew 5:6 “**Blessed** are those who **hunger and thirst for righteousness**, for they **shall be satisfied**.

Matthew 5:20 For I tell you, unless your **righteousness exceeds** that of the scribes and Pharisees, **you will never enter the kingdom of heaven**.

Matthew 9:10 And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many **tax collectors** and **sinners** came and were **reclining with Jesus** and his disciples.

Matthew 9:11 And when the **Pharisees saw this**, they said to his disciples, “**Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?**”

Matthew 9:12 But when he heard it, he said, “**Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick**.

Matthew 9:13 **Go and learn** what this means, ‘**I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.**’ **For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.**”

Hosea 6:6 For I desire **steadfast love and not sacrifice**, the **knowledge of God** rather than burnt offerings.

*If Jesus desire is for people to be merciful,
why would the best candidates be sinners?*

Matthew 23:13 “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people’s faces. **For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in.**

Matthew 23:28 So you also **outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.**

Matthew 5:7 “**Blessed** are the **merciful**, for they shall **receive mercy.**

Luke 10:25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, **what shall I do** to inherit eternal life?”

Luke 10:26 He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?”

Luke 10:27 And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and **your neighbor as yourself.**”

Luke 10:28 And he said to him, “**You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.**”

Luke 10:29 But he, **desiring to justify himself**, said to Jesus, “**And who is my neighbor?**”

Luke 10:30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who **stripped him and beat him** and departed, **leaving him half dead.**

Luke 10:31 Now **by chance a priest** was going down that road, and when **he saw** him he passed by on the other side.

Luke 10:32 So likewise a **Levite**, when he came to the place and **saw him**, passed by on the other side.

Luke 10:33 **But a Samaritan**, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when **he saw him**, he had compassion.

Luke 10:34 **He went to him** and **bound up his wounds**, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and **took care of him**.

Luke 10:35 And the next day he took out **two denarii** and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, **I will repay you when I come back.**'

Luke 10:36 **Which of these three**, do you think, **proved to be a neighbor** to the man who fell among the robbers?"

Luke 10:37 He said, "**The one who showed him mercy.**" And Jesus said to him, "**You go, and do likewise.**"

John 6:35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to **me shall not hunger**, and whoever believes in me **shall never thirst**."

John 7:37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "**If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.**"

John 19:28 After this, **Jesus, knowing that all was now finished**, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "**I thirst.**"

Revelation 21:6 And he said to me, "**It is done!** I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. **To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.**"

For Discussion: *quid pro quo* (something for something) vs *gratuitous* (given unearned or without recompense)

Galatians 3:2 Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?

Galatians 3:3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

How does the **Gospel** we share with the lost often differ from the "**gospel**" we practice as believers? Why are we inconsistent? Remedy?