

The gospel according to

MATTHEW

[5 : 7]

Part 17

HISTORICAL & CULTURAL PRINCIPLES OF COLLEGE PARK CHURCH

1. The church is the pillar & foundation of the truth.
2. The Main Thing is to keep the Main One the Main Thing.
3. We are committed to unity in the midst of diversity.

HISTORICAL & CULTURAL PRINCIPLES OF COLLEGE PARK CHURCH

4. We treat others in a way that reflects how God has treated us.
5. If we make a mistake, we make it on the side of love.
6. Our plans & programs are written in pencil, only God's word is written in ink.

HISTORICAL & CULTURAL PRINCIPLES OF COLLEGE PARK CHURCH

7. We have an atmosphere of theological freedom to explore theological perspectives within the arena of sound doctrine, so long as we remain humble and non-divisive in the pursuit.
8. We will not allow anyone's systematic theology to keep us from believing any verse of Scripture.

HISTORICAL & CULTURAL PRINCIPLES OF COLLEGE PARK CHURCH

9. Anything worth doing is worth doing... even poorly
10. We will not let one period of Church history dominate our formation of theology (from the death of the Apostle John to now)!

Historical & Cultural Principles of College Park Church

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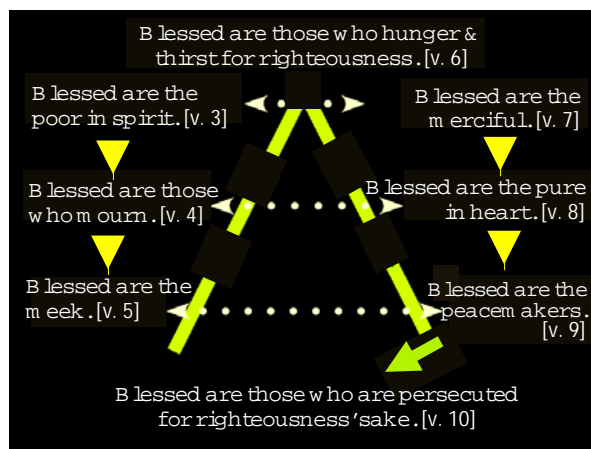
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Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.



MATTHEW 7 : 1 - 6

Judge not, that you be not judged. ² For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. ³ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of

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your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. ⁶ Do not give **dogs** what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before **pigs**, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

Mercy Defined

In the Old Testament:

- This steady, persistent refusal of God to wash His hands of wayward Israel
- The operative word is 'loyalty', to deal loyally—chiefly by His steadfast love.

Mercy Defined

In the New Testament:

- *Charis*—GRACE...The specific notion of mercy is compassion to one in need or helpless distress...
- ...or in debt and without claim to favorable treatment...
- Grace is concerned for man, as guilty; Mercy, as he is miserable.¹

Mercy Defined

In the New Testament:

- God is the 'Father of mercies'...
- ...we can profitably think of mercy as compassion in action.
- Our best biblical picture of it is the figure of the good Samaritan in Jesus' parable...

LUKE 10 : 25 - 37

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?"

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."

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²⁸ And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; **do this, and you will live.**"

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

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.

³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down

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that road, and when **he saw him** he passed by on the other side.

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

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

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

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to an inn and took care of him.

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.'**

³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who **showed him mercy.**" And Jesus said to him, **"You go, and do likewise."**

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JAMES 2 : 12 - 13

So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment is **without mercy** to one who has shown **no mercy**. **Mercy** triumphs over judgment.

PSALM 136

(Has 26 verses)

(You can learn half the Psalm in less than 10 seconds....I promise ☺)

...For His **mercy** endures forever. (NKJV)

GALATIANS 6 : 7 - 8

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

EPHESIANS 4 : 32

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

PSALM 23 : 6

Surely goodness and **mercy** shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.