

The Vine

I am the vine; you are the branches...John 15:5

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Easton's Bible Dictionary defines mercy as compassion for the miserable. I view mercy and grace as two sides of the same coin. From the viewpoint of God toward man, grace is God giving us undeserved goodness or favor. Mercy, then, is God withholding the punishment we deserve for our sins.

In that sense, God sees us all as miserable sinners, yet in his compassion, he gives us opportunities to seek Him and his forgiveness and so escape His wrath.

When God gave instructions for the Tabernacle in Exodus, He told them to build the Ark of the Covenant. The covering for the Ark was the Mercy Seat. The Ark was to be placed in the Most Holy Place in the tabernacle.

Once a year, on the Day of Atonement, the High Priest would sacrifice to make atonement, first for his own sins, then for the sins of Israel.

He took incense in first to fill the room with smoke. God met him over the mercy seat, but because he was not allowed to see God, lest he die, the smoke from the incense blocked his vision. He then sprinkled the blood of the sacrifice on the Mercy Seat to atone for sin. In this act, God would grant his mercy and not count Israel's sins against the people.

In the New Covenant, Christ is our atoning sacrifice. He is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world. When we receive Christ by faith, his blood is applied to our lives. Our sins are covered and we receive mercy over judgment.

As God is merciful to us, we are called to be merciful to others. This month, the scripture selections will teach us and encourage us with God's mercy toward us as well as the call for us to show mercy to others.

As always and as time allows, read the selection in context by reading verses that precede and follow. If you have study bibles, look up related verses and

references. Pray over them and thank God for his great mercy toward us!

Mike

**GOD'S COMPASSION FOR US
OUR COMPASSION FOR OTHERS**

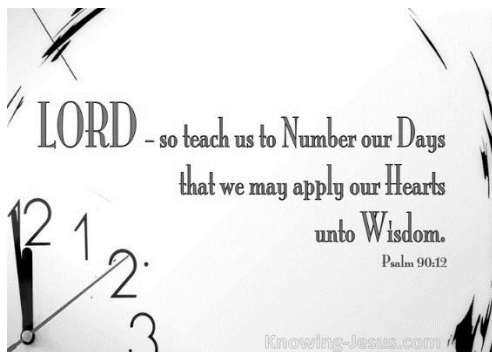
MERCY

- Mar 1: Exodus 25:17-22
- Mar 2: Leviticus 16:1-16
- Mar 3: Hebrews 9:1-14
- Mar 4: Hebrew 9:23-10:10
- Mar 5: Romans 3:21-26
- Mar 6: Exodus 33:12-23; 34:4-9
- Mar 7: Deuteronomy 4:23-31
- Mar 8: Deuteronomy 30:1-6
- Mar 9: 2 Samuel 22:26-34
- Mar 10: Psalm 18:25-30
- Mar 11: Psalm 25:4-10
- Mar 12: Psalm 30:8-12
- Mar 13: Psalm 51:1-12
- Mar 14: Psalm 57:1-5; 86:14-17
- Mar 15: Psalm 103:1-14
- Mar 16: Prov 28:12-14; Lam 3:21-26
- Mar 17: Dan 9:3-19; Joel 2:12-14
- Mar 18: Zechariah 7:8-12; 12:10
- Mar 19: Mathew 5:1-12
- Mar 20: Matthew 9:9-13
- Mar 21: Matthew 18:21-35
- Mar 22: Luke 1:46-50; 76-79
- Mar 23: Luke 6:27-36
- Mar 24: Luke 10:29-37
- Mar 25: Luke 18:9-14
- Mar 26: Romans 9:14-24
- Mar 27: Ephesians 2:1-10
- Mar 28: Colossians 3:12-17
- Mar 29: Titus 3:1-7
- Mar 30: Hebrews 4:14-16; 8:10-12
- Mar 31: James 2:1-13

Join us for IF:2023 MARCH 3-4

IF: Valley Falls - A Ladies Conference

Host: Aisha Mitchell (785) 741-5205



Men's Breakfast: The men's breakfast will be Saturday, March 11th at 8:00 AM. Brian Barrett is cooking.

Pocket Change for Progress: Please continue saving your pocket change for VFCC youth programs and School Supply Project. There is a bucket for your change anytime, not just the third Sunday.

Past sermons are available online at www.valleyfallsc.org.

On line sermon opportunity: For those sheltering at home, church service will be available to live stream on YouTube (and Facebook). Also available on YouTube, previous services.

Don't forget to subscribe to Valley Falls Christian Church YouTube channel



Sermon Series, Scripture

- March 5 What Do We Do With Jesus?
 Mark 3:1-6
- March 12 Gospel Seeds
 Mark 4:1-9
- March 19 Stories and Storms
 Mark 4:35-41
- March 26 Power Over Demons
 Mark 5:1-13

	Greeters Communion Prep	Scripture	Devotion	Servers	Nursery
05	R. Mitchell	R Mitchell Mark 4:1-9	Stan Farr	Jay/Stan/ Jarret / Charles	Debbie/Kenzie
12	Gatzemeyer	Gatzemeyer Mark 4:1-9	Stan Farr	Jay/Stan/ Steve / Jackson	Aisha/Rhonda
19	Welborn	Welborn Mark 4:35-41	Stan Farr	Jay/Stan/ Ray /Chad	Leane/Jodie
26	Durand	Durand Mark 5:1-13	Stan Farr	Jay/Stan/ Clinton / Kyle	Brittany/Dakota

March communion devotion and prayer: Stan Farr

Prayer Requests: Becky Arnold, Christy Arnold Emma Dockweiler, Angie Goodin

OUR SOLDIERS: Curtis Mitchell, Aaron Cook, Jacob Mitchell, Matthew Branam, Noe Garza

Church Offerings:

Jan 22 \$ 1,035
 Jan 29 \$ 995
 Feb 05 \$ 2,172
 Feb 12 \$ 1,572

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Emery Mitchell
- 4 Donetta Farr
Mary Breitsprecher
- 5 Ronnie Pruitt
- 8 Caitlyn Thomas
- 11 Kaylie Mitchell
- 14 Gary & Betty Smith (1983)
- 15 RALPH SHEAD
- 19 Peyton Barrett
- 20 Grace Thompson
- 28 Jeff & Carolyn Starkey (1981)
- 29 Isaac Reich
Jodie Cook

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

Please make a change to your directory,
 Chelsea Pruitt's Area code is
 660 NOT 785.



Wednesday, March 8th @ 8PM



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Find us on Facebook!

Mike Kirby, Pastor

You are welcome to join us!

Sunday Service times:

Bible Study (all ages) – 9:00 AM

Worship – 10:00 AM Youth Group (grades 7-12) – 5:00 PM **Midweek:** Bible Study-7:00 PM

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday/Friday	Saturday
		1	2/3	4
		7:00 PM Bible Study	5:45 PM IF: Gathering	9:00 AM-4PM IF: Gathering
5	6	8	9/10	11
5 PM – Youth Group	1:30 PM Sunflower Crafters	7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Board Mtg		8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
12	13	15	16/17	18
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19	20	22	23/24	25
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26	27	29	30/31	
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