

At What Price Mercy?

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It is impossible to fully describe what only oneness with the life of Jesus can explain. Such is the case with this subject - Mercy. Maybe some of us consider the concept of mercy to be so basic that we assume we understand it and set our course for deeper information. Mercy. It is not the concept of it that is hard to grasp, but the spirit of it that for a human is impossible. Only the Lamb Himself possesses and displays true mercy. The cross is God lifting mercy up so high that all the world can see His true reflection.

God's mercy covers the ungodly in such a way that it redeems them through death. Mercy shares what it needs with those who do not deserve it. Mercy forgives once again after being betrayed seventy six times in the same day by the same person. Mercy takes no thought of itself in doing this.

At what price mercy? How many eyes for eyes and teeth for teeth must we demand before the price becomes too high to fulfill our inner need for human justice? When does the issue turn from personal vengeance to the life of God in us? When does the knowledge of good and evil begin to taste like the death that it is? When we see the Lamb and when oneness with Him in His nature becomes more important to us than satisfying our soul's desires for our definitions of justice and order. When we love not our lives but love God supremely and are willing to allow His mercies to flow through us to others.

To show mercy to others will feel like a burden too heavy for us to carry until we allow the government to be laid upon the shoulders of the Lamb in the same way the wooden beams of the Cross once were. Only Christ in us can carry and govern all things in the right spirit. Only the Lamb will bear all things, endure all things, not become offended and redeem all hopeless things through His own dying. At what price mercy? For God, the cost was everything. For God, this cost was not too high.

May we realize that we are yoked with the Lamb. As we experience His life within, then we will know that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. His shoulders will carry the issues that we cannot bear in our own love. The kingdom of God will come in us as we lay these things upon His shoulders. He will go the extra mile and bless the very ones we would curse. As Christ is revealed in us as our Life we will find Him bearing the weight of our impossible issues upon His shoulders. He will bring us into a new government that is based on the rule of the Nature of God through His Lamb in us. We will find ourselves constrained to love what we could not love, and to go where we in ourselves would not go. Jesus in us is the only hope we have to understand mercy. May the Lamb once again be displayed and lifted up through us, his Bride, as we allow the dying of the Lord Jesus to be made manifest in our mortal flesh. May others experience and partake of the Life of God Himself through us.

But first we must ask ourselves... at what price mercy, and at what point are we ready to crown the Lamb as King of our heart?***