

**Sunday, May 24, 2020**  
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## **“Mercy Wins”**

James 2:10-13

### **Today’s BIG IDEA:**

***Compassionate mercy breaks the constricting power of sin.***

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ -  
**perfect is not really perfect (v.10-11)**

*(Matthew 5:21-22,27-28)*

- It only takes one mistake to be a lawbreaker.
  
- All sins aren’t the same, but all sins have the same consequence.

2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ : **None of us are**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **perfect (v.10-11)**

*(Romans 3:23)*

- As imperfect people, we could never measure up to a perfect God.

3. Our \_\_\_\_\_ : **Jesus offers real liberty to**  
**really \_\_\_\_\_ people (v.12-13)**

- The perfect God offers perfect salvation to imperfect people.
  
- The gospel is about **liberty** not **limitations**.

4. Our \_\_\_\_\_ : **Live in the light of God’s**  
**perfect \_\_\_\_\_ (v.12-13)**

*(Matthew 5:14-15; 18:21-35)*

A. We should \_\_\_\_\_ God’s mercy

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B. We should \_\_\_\_\_ out with mercy to

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- How could we possibly receive God’s mercy with one hand and withhold it from others with our other hand?

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### **APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

1. Why do you think we tend to treat some sins (i.e. murder) as a big deal while we downplay other sins (i.e. prejudice)?
  
2. How does mercy bring freedom in our relationship with God? How does mercy bring freedom in our relationships with others?
  
3. What does it look like on a practical level to “speak and act” (v.12) with mercy?