

Acts 10-11:18

Acts 10:1-5-Cornelius

o Acts 10:9,11-16 -Peter

o Acts 10:19-20,23-29 - A Jew and a Gentile, together

Acts 10:34-35

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Noah Webster 1828

That benevolence, mildness or tenderness of heart which disposes a person to overlook injuries, or to treat an offender better than he deserves; the disposition that tempers justice, and induces an injured person to forgive trespasses and injuries, and to forbear punishment, or inflict less than law or justice will warrant...

Noah Webster 1828

In this sense, there is perhaps no word in our language precisely synonymous with mercy That which comes nearest to it is grace. It implies benevolence, tenderness, mildness, pity or compassion, and clemency, but exercised only towards offenders. Mercy is a distinguishing attribute of the Supreme Being.

- Our God is merciful
 - o Romans 3:23 We have offended Him
 - Romans 5:8 He came and died for us, displaying his mercy

Matthew 9:9-13

...Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

- We are image bearers of God
- We are called to reflect Him and his nature.
- We are called to reflect His mercy