

### **Message on John 8:1-13 Mercy**

*"Mercy triumphs over judgment." James 2:13*

**STONES: When people start throwing stones to stop sin, everyone gets stoned.**

• 8:3-13 *"As Jesus was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman they had caught in the act of adultery. 'Teacher,' they said to Jesus, 'this woman was caught in the very act of adultery. The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?'"*

• Jesus teaches us about mercy by protecting this shamed woman from judgment by the law of Moses—death for adultery. He always says, "You have heard that it was written, but I say unto you..." This is because none of us is without sin and all will die in their sins without His standing between us and judgment.

• Jesus' first concern is you. Jesus' first concern was this woman who was caught in adultery—shamed and in terror for her life. When she looked around the crowd, the only one with a friendly face who wasn't holding a stone in his hand was Jesus—God with us. He stood between her and judgment. That is what Jesus came to do. The Law of Moses given to restrain evil is replaced by the Law of Christ, which seeks to restore sinners, not destroy them.

• *"Dear brothers and sisters, if another Christian is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back into the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. Share each others troubles and problems, and in this way obey the Law of Christ."* Galatians 6:1-2

**DUST: When Jesus kneels before us and writes in the dust and we look over his shoulder, we will find our secret sins exposed.**

*"But Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, stone her. But let those who have never sinned throw the first stones!" Then he stooped down and wrote in the dust. When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman."*

**ACCUSERS: There is no one left to accuse us because Jesus, our intercessor, removes our sin, guilt and consequences on Himself by His cross.**

*"Then Jesus stood up again and said to her, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."*