

Exploring the Theology of Mercy through the Teaching of Pope Francis

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Abstract: *This article reflects on the theological concept of divine mercy as presented by Pope Francis in his book The Name of God is Mercy. It examines key biblical and doctrinal perspectives on mercy, the role of the Church as a vehicle of God's compassion, and the moral implications of mercy in human conduct. Through scriptural references and religious traditions, the paper encourages a deeper understanding of mercy as central to Christian identity and spiritual growth.*

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1. Introduction

Pope Francis is one of the interesting Popes of modern times. He seems, in many ways gentler from many Popes' from the past. His message is one of Divine Mercy. In his book, 'The Name of God is Mercy', he makes the point that God is not a God of judgment and punishment but one of Love and Mercy. The Name of God is Mercy is Pope Francis' exploration on the theme of Mercy which is a spiritual inspiration of his followers. He ruled as head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican city State of Vatican from 2013 until his death in 2025. The study highlights the Pope's message in modern society by the Pope. He was born as Jorge Mario Bergoglio 17th December, 1936 to 21st April, 2025 died at 88. The study highlights a thematic analysis of biblical structure and Papal teachings primarily from Pope Francis books on after related documents on to interpret the divine mercy.

Research Methods

There is no Research Methodology as such so it does not sound appropriate to give a data of this great Pope.

Key Methods

Pope Francis, divine mercy, Theology, Christian Compassion, Church doctrine.

Book about Mercy ¹

It is the story of a European farmer, his wife and his growing household of indentured or enslaved white, native American and African characters rejected by her mother, Florens books for love, first from Lina on older servant woman at her new master's house and later from the handsome black smith.

Founder of Mercy ²

In 1831 Catherine Mc Audey founded the sisters of Mercy in Dublin, Ireland. A deeply religious woman of comfortable means, she sought to extend the Catholic Church's ministry of healing and teaching to the poor, the sick, the uneducated, and those who were down trodden.

Father and Mother of Mercy ³

In 2.0 Corinthians 1: 3 for example, the Father of our Lord is Jesus Christ and Mary is the mother. Both came not to condemn but to forgive and show mercy and God of all comfort who can show us in all our tribulations that we are in trouble with ourselves are comforted by God's real

name is Dr Angela Ziegler, a peerless healer, a brilliant scientist, and a staunch advocate of peace.

Full Meaning of Mercy ⁴

Mercy means passionate and kindly for someone especially towards someone who has offended or is in one's power. It involves refraining from harsh punishment or retribution often extending kindness beyond what might be expected. Mercy is about showing compassionate and forgiveness. Mercy named after Mercy Middle English from Anglo French from merci from Medieval Latin mercem merci "principal wages" from Latin Merc - Meri merchandised in benevolence, forgiveness and kindness in a variety of ethical, religious social and legal context. Mercy appeared many times in the Bible and often relates to forgiveness for withholding punishments. For example, God showed mercy on us when he sent his son Jesus Christ to die on a cross for our sins.

Who wrote God is in the Story

God is in the story is a song by American contemporary Christian music musicians Kate Nichole and Big Daddy Weave released on June 10, 2022 as the second single from her debut extended play Katy Nichole (2022) Nichole co-wrote the song with Ethan Hulse and Jeff Pardo.

Mercy is God's main attribute ⁵

In the Gospels, we find Jesus perform acts of mercy. In fact, he is the manifestation of God's mercy on Earth. For Jesus said he came to minister to the sinners and the down trodden, not the righteous. It is the sinners who need the most help after all. He was a living proof that God does not turn away anyone who is in true need.

Jesus said at best, we should forgive people who wronged us not seven times but seventy times seven times, meaning show infinite mercy on them because that is the way of God. He even went on to say that mercy should be shown despite it not being a popular position or against the law. In Jesus' death he illustrated his most divine act of mercy since he sacrificed himself to save the world.

The Church is the Main Vehicle on Earth, for God's Mercy ⁶

The Church is Jesus' body on this earth. An extension of his mercy in the world, it is through the officers of the Church that Jesus' work continues. The priests and other church

representatives must be as Jesus was when dealing with all people, not just those who were part of the fold.

It is the work of the priests to be the face of the Church, to bring people to the light. The Church must be like a hospital for the soul. Helping people heal from the wounds they have acquired from life. Often, people are afraid to approach the church when they are down and earth. Thus it is the job of the church to reach out to them. To do that, the church must be everywhere, not only in the cities and small towns but even in prisons. The world needs the Church's guidance and thus needs to be accessible to everyone.

When the writer was a student at Nazareth Academy, Gaya, in his off time he used to visit the church where a sister used to sprinkle holy water and then tell all those who assembled there to kneel down and pray to Jesus Christ. There was a profound peace on earth we used as we sat in meditation but after some time the sister tell us to get up and go to classes. What a silence prevailed?

God is our Loving Father 7.

God, throughout the Bible shows his nature as a father. Like a father, he loves all of us without condition no matter how bad we have been.

An example of God's Fatherliness can be found in the book of Ezekiel. In the book, Jerusalem, meaning the Hebrew people are likened to a young girl left to die God saves her and gives her sustenance but still she falls into prostitution. Even still, he blesses her.

Like our actual human parents, God guides us when we do something wrong. It's not the intention to just indiscriminately punish for no reason.

Many in this world may not have parents who love them as they get older and this it is the job of the church to bring them to the loving embrace of the father, who is oft forgiving. In several places there are homes for the old people who cater to their needs and help them fulfill their demands. But in all such case they are not free to reside. They are requested to pay lump.

We are all Sinners 8.

In order to get close to God, we must all admit that we are sinners and this sin originates from the "Origin Sin". The Original sin was penetrated by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. The original or first sin was perpetrated by Adam and Eve when they disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden. Here we may point out the actual culprit was snake, who hissed into the ear of Eve and told her to eat the apple from the tree which God had forbidden them to do so. So God cursed the snake by saying that "thou shall move by the belly for life" and to Adam & Eve he cursed that "you shall have to toil the ground" for a living.

Since Adam and Eve are our first parents, we inherited their sin. The sin is ever present in us and therefore we must always be cognizant of this fact. It is part of our human nature to be in sin. It's through acts of repentance that we can be redeemed from it.

We are not able to avoid sin, it is our nature but it is possible to work though it and choose good over evil, righteousness over sin.

Being corrupt is worse then being a sinner 9.

We often think sin and corruption are the same thing. But they are not. Corruption is when we try to convince yourself and others that your sin is justifiable. Unlike sin which is often a moment of incorrect thinking and behaviour. Corruption is found to be a part of person's way of life. They are focused mostly on the external, finite world and not God, the infinite.

Living such an external life inevitably leads to a meaningless existence and can never satiate the soul. Corruption which stems out from an external focus is not only harmful to the person but also to the society at large. Often the corrupt person does not care how wrong their behaviour is or its impact on society. The only way to cure a corrupt heart is through the cultivation of compassion for others and even oneself.

We must show one another Mercy 10.

We must follow Jesus' example. We may not be all merciful like he is, but by following his acts of compassion for others, we can help heal society. When we cultivate Jesus level of compassion, we can prevent evil and sin from occurring. Often when we feel hurt it is hard for us to feel compassion, but if we can use Jesus as an example, we can overcome our hurt and pain again. Humanity is ensconced in sin and only through God's infinite mercy we can be redeemed from it. It is through love and mercy that the world can be saved. Also we can follow the example of Mother at Calcutta who healed the sick and down tradition and helped people in all sorts of ways.

The Flow of the Book

The Name of God is Mercy is a wonderful Book. Pope Francis is most accessible of the Popes. The book flows easily and is written in a fashion that all readers access to its wisdom. It is decidedly catholic which is undeniably stable. If you are bothered by religious terminology, you may not resonate with it.

Theme of God is Mercy 11.

The oppression of women, Female violence and female community is the main theme of the book. Throughout, a Mercy Mommsen describes and portrays the extremely common and disturbing violence that women face in the 12th Century America.

Moral Lesson 12.

Mercy is when God knows every mistake you have made and will ever make yet he still gives you a very good thing in your life. Mercy means doing good to those who hurt you. Mercy is giving people what they need not deserve because that's what God does with us. God's mercy is closely aligned with forgiveness.

English Language

The name of Mercy traces its origin to the English language. I have followed what words worth, the Nature Romantic

poet says “The language of poem/this article is the poem of common man.

2. Summary

Mercy and Love are Gods most prominent traits. We are all sinners and in order to be redeemed, God must be merciful to us, other wise we are lost. It is testament to God’s love and mercy that humanity still exists. God is Good, Gods name is Mercy.

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3. Conclusion

In essence divine mercy as articulated by Pope Francis is a corner stone of Christian faith this article affirms that mercy is not only God’s defining trait but a call to action for believers. The Church as the two earthly representative of Christ’s compassion must embody mercy in all its actions and to guide humanity toward spiritual healing and moral clarity.

List of references at the End

The listed sources (Swami Abhedanand – “Life beyond death” and “Eustace Miles – Life of after Life” are insufficiency unrelated too much of the Christian – focused content, and lack formal citation details. References from church encyclicals, theological commentaries and Pope Francis official writings, and Pope formatting.

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