I Desire Mercy Rather Than Sacrifice
Matthew 9:9-13

I. The Statement
   a. “But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance. (Matthew 9:13)
   b. The context of His statement. (Matthew 9:9-13)
      i. Jesus had just called Matthew, a tax collector to follow Him. (Vs. 9)
      ii. Not only did Jesus call Matthew, He ate a meal with several tax collectors and sinners(Vs. 10) Don’t be quick to imitate(1 Thess. 5:22; 1 Cor. 15:33)
      iii. The Pharisees saw this and questioned the disciples of Jesus as to why their teacher would eat with sinners. (Vs. 11)
      iv. Jesus answers their question and calls them to a higher way of life. (Vs. 12,13)

II. Lessons We Can Learn From His Statement.
   a. What Jesus values and what we value are not always the same.
      i. God wants our hearts too, not just our actions. (Hosea 6:6; Matthew 9:13)
      ii. Just don’t miss the point! (Matthew 23:23; Eph. 2:8; James 2:14,17)
   b. Our place in life is among the “sick”. (Matthew 9:12; 28:19-20)
   c. Even the “Learned” may have a few things to learn. (Matthew 9:13; James 1:22)