

“THE COMPASSION OF JESUS”

WHAT IS COMPASSION?

- Compassion – A sympathetic consciousness and deep awareness of other’s distress and suffering with the desire to alleviate it. To identify and suffer with another. *Compassion is love in action!!!*
- God has always been compassionate (Ex. 34:6-7).
- Jesus ministry on earth reflected the Father’s compassion for us.

THE FACE OF COMPASSION:

- What did Jesus compassion motivate Him to do?
 - He had a desire to share the Good News with as many people as possible (Mt. 9:35).
 - He announced the Good News wherever He went (Mt. 9:35).
 - He healed every kind of disease and illness (Mt. 9:35; 14:14; 20:34).
 - He set people free from the oppression of the devil (Mt. 12:22; Mk. 1:32-34).
 - He recognized people’s need for godly examples and leadership (Mt. 9:36)
 - He fed them when they were hungry (Mt. 15:32; Mk. 8:2).
 - He forgave us all our sins (Mt. 18:27).
 - He touched the untouchables and healed them and forgave them (Mk. 1:40-41; Lk. 7:36-48).
 - He taught them the truth from God that would set them free (Mk. 6:34).
 - He raised a widow’s only son from the dead (Lk. 7:13-15).
 - He spent time with sinners (Lk. 15:1-2, 20).
 - His compassion for us ultimately led Him to die for us.
 - Jesus deeply cared about people’s physical needs, emotional needs and spiritual needs.
 - He acted with a heart of compassion led by the Holy Spirit.

- Jesus has compassion for you!

BE COMPASSIONATE (Lk. 6:36)

- There will be no need for compassion in Heaven (Rev. 21:3-4).
 - Here on earth is your only opportunity to show compassion.
- There is no lack of hurting, lost and confused people in this world.
 - Do you really care or has your heart become dull?
 - Compassion is not an option in God's Kingdom ... *Be compassionate!*
- Compassion does not "fix" everything.
 - There will always be pain and suffering in this world, we cannot fix it all. Jesus said so (Jn. 16:33).
 - Jesus does not "fix" all our problems and pains.
 - Some pain and suffering is necessary;
 - To bring us to repentance (Ro. 6:23; Gal. 6:7-8).
 - To help us mature (Ja. 1:2-4; 1Pe. 1:6-7; 5:8-11).
 - To give us compassion for others (2Cor. 1:3-4).
 - Suffering persecution for our faith (Ro. 8:17-18; 2Tim. 3:12).
 - But He does promise His compassionate help to get us through the struggles of this life (Mt. 28:20; Jn. 16:33, 2Cor. 1:3-5).

MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE:

- Jesus has a heart of compassion for you!
- Jesus made Himself available to those who were hurting, lost and confused.
 - Find where Jesus wants you to express His compassion to others.
 - Seek to be guided by the Holy Spirit.
 - In the daily opportunities and for the long haul.