

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Sermon

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of Gods word.

Gods compassion for man.

## Psalm 103: 13.

As Christians, Gods calling on our lives, the Holy Spirits leadership and direction in our life and the testimony of professing Christ as your life, can only come through Gods love and compassion.

True compassion changes the way we live.

That means, true compassion is the way we as Christians show Gods holiness to others.

**Psalm 103:13,....**As a father has compassion his children, So the Lord has compassion on those who fear him....

What is compassion ?

Compassion is a feeling of deep sorrow accompanied by a strong desire to help those who are suffering.

Christ is our greatest example of true compassion on this earth.

**Luke 19: 9 - 10,....**today salvation has come to this house....the Son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Christ not only had great compassion for those he ministered to during his time on this earth.

He showed his greatest act of compassion for mankind by dying on the cross to pay our sin debt.

Christ showed compassion through his ministry.

**Matthew 9: 35 – 38,....**Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching....preaching....healing....when he saw the multitude he was moved with compassion....

In this passage of scripture, we see Christ's, two fold meaning of compassion.

1<sup>st</sup> – Compassion for the sinner to accept salvation.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Compassion for the believer, to help them to understand what it means to provide the glory of salvation to others.

Christ had compassion for the sinner.

Christ example to show the need for salvation to be spread, through out the world.

Christ saw the sickness ( both, physically and spiritually ) and the need for healing.

Christ allows us this insight, not as an opportunity to judge, but as an opportunity for compassion.

**Matthew 7: 16 – 20,....**you will know them by their fruits....therefore by their fruits you shall know them.

Christ also saw the vastness

**Matthew 9: 36,....**but when he saw the multitude

Christ wants us to see the vastness. The great need that there is for salvation. Family, Friends, Neighbors, ect...

Not just to see the need, but to feel compassion, to feel the love of God. The same love God had when he said I will send my son, my only begotten son.

**Matthew 9: 36,....**they were weary, and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

Christ had compassion for the believer.

Christ taught his disciples.

**Matthew 9: 38,....**Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest, to send out laborers into his harvest....

To send laborers, to give us strength, to give us desire, to give us drive.

As Christ himself gave the example.

**Matthew 9: 35,....**preaching the gospel of the kingdom.... which is salvation.

1<sup>st</sup> – we must pray for laborers

2<sup>nd</sup> – we must know the scripture, In order to do this, we must not only be able to show compassion, but to receive compassion.

Worldliness and sinfulness make it difficult for us to receive Christ's constant compassion.

The Bible teaches us that compassion is a true mark of our character as Christians.

God wants to make himself personal to us.

Christ wants a real and loving relationship with us.

**2 Corinthians 1: 3 – 4**,....the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulations....

Christ's compassion is to produce in all mankind the same kind of faith that brings about salvation.

Just as God our heavenly father was by the side of Christ, just as earthly fathers are by the side of their children, to be aware of our vulnerability, to show us how to put our fears aside, to help us in our time of need, to lift us up as we falter, to give us blessing, this is all to show the compassion of Christ, to the means of Salvation.

Let us pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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