

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Sermon

4.9.2023

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 that he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

The Compassion of God

Easter Sunday

## Psalm 86: 15

Christ presence in this world was the ultimate act of the Fathers compassion. Humanity did not deserve the sacrifice of Christ, but because of Gods great love, he has called us to eternal life and hope with him. Gods compassion is not just a feeling, but it is a spiritual emotion, that inspires Godly actions.

Now we know that all of humanity is born into sin, and all of humanity needs a savior, and it is for this reason that mankind cannot comprehend the compassion of God. Now, even though as Christians, often time, we will question Gods perfect righteousness, he is still a gracious God, who is longsuffering toward us, in that every day he shows unto us in some way his great love and compassion. God has provided for each of us, through the gift of his Son, an opportunity for eternal life with him. Not one of us deserves the sacrifice that was willingly given, and even though there will be many that will reject the righteousness of Christ, which he gave in exchange for our sin debt. Gods' mercy, his grace, and his compassion is never ending, for it is eternal.

**Psalm 86: 15,....**but thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and he is gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth....

The world is condemning, but God is forgiving. Because of our disobedience, because of the wrong choices and decisions which we make, this often times allows us to feel that God is only a God of wrath and judgement, but the truth is, that while those circumstances in our life as a Christian will have negative consequences from God, it is the Lord's intention, through these consequences, to redeem us, and to restore us unto him. Gods fullness of love, devotion, and compassion means that he understands our weaknesses, and has instilled within us, through the indwelling Holy Spirit the abilities to overcome our short comings, and make us whole again.

**2 Peter 3: 9,....**the Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance....

There are those, who have fallen into the mindset, that this life as we know it will go on forever, and they therefore begin to doubt the Lords return. This is because mankind does not heed to the awareness of the ternal perspective of God. Every day that passes us by is not just another day of growing older, but it is an example of Gods mercy and grace toward humanity, it is another opportunity to faithfully believe in the resurrecting power of Christ Jesus. Our knowledge, concerning Gods appointed time, and his designated way of salvation and eternal life, must be unshakable.

**Psalm 111: 4,....**he hath made his wonderful works to be remembered....the Lord is gracious and full of compassion....

Humanity today, this very day, has gathered together all around the world, to recognize the crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, but, just merely recognizing it is not enough, humanity must come to believe in it and to accept it, in order to receive the glorious hope of eternal life which comes through it.

There is no resurrection, unless first there is a death, and there is no hope of an ending if there was never a beginning. The whole purpose and plan of our existence is due to the spiritual workings of God. So why is the resurrection of Christ so important? It proves unto mankind who Christ is, and it demonstrates the acceptance by God the Father, that is the acceptance, of the sacrifice of His Son, Christ, on our behalf. Therefore, it guarantees that those who believe in Christ, will not remain dead, but will be resurrected unto eternal life.

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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