

HAVING THE COMPASSION OF CHRIST!

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TEXT:

Luke 10:30-35

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SUBJ: Having the compassion of Christ!

INTRO: In this particular text, I believe one of the things that JESUS illustrates to us in this parable about these three different types of men, is that being in church does not mean that the church is in you!

(NOTE: You have some people who grew up in church, but the church never grew up in them!)

JESUS said in

Matthew 7:21

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

(EXPOUND) Just because you go to church and call on the LORD, does not mean that you are the church of the LORD!

(NOTE: Some of us look the part and play the part, but we don't live the part!)

In this text there was a Priest, A Levite and a Samaritan!

Priests - were religious leaders! (Intercessor between man and GOD in the church!)

Levites - were assistants to the Priests! (Helpers in the church)

Samaritans - were a people who was despised by the church!

(NOTE: The Samaritans built their own temple which the Jews considered pagan. The feud grew, and by the time of Christ, the Jews hated the Samaritans so much they crossed the Jordan river rather than travel through Samaria. But, John 4:4 says Jesus had to go through Samaria.)

And In John 8, "the Jews" label Jesus a "Samaritan" in order to distance Jesus from themselves because they were opposed to his broadening of Judean ethnic identity.

And in this text, it was the one who was despised by the church, who was acting like the church!

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(EXPOUND) The key characteristic of someone who has the church in them, is that they're filled with the same compassion of Christ!

That's why Paul says in

Colossians 3:12

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

(NIV)

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

(EXPOUND) We should be clothe with compassion!

(NOTE: Because when we show Compassion, we show Christ!)

The Compassion that GOD showed us, when we show compassion to others, we show them Christ!

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(EXPOUND)

Three (3) things happen when you have the Compassion of Christ.

BODY:

When you have the compassion of Christ:

#1 It compels you to do something!

(EXPOUND) The thing about compassion is that it's an action word.

(NOTE: You don't just say you have Compassion, you show you have compassion!)

(STORY about the old man that had fallen down)

(EXPOUND) Just like this Good Samaritan, We have to show compassion when nobody else will, because we represent Christ in this world!

(EXP#) We have to love those, who hate us!

(EXP#) We have to forgive them, like GOD forgave us!

(EXP#) We have to bless them, who curse us!

(EXP#) We have to help them, who didn't help us!

(EXP#) We have to respect them, who didn't respect us!

1 John 3:16-18

16 Hereby perceive we the love of God , because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

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#2 It causes you to look out for others!

(EXPOUND) Compassion makes you stop what you're doing, to see how somebody else is doing!

Matthew 14:13-14

13 When Jesus heard of it , he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof , they followed him on foot out of the cities. 14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

(EXPOUND) JESUS was just told that his first cousin, John the Baptist was beheaded and I can imagine that JESUS was going through a little grieving!

But because of compassion he put his own needs aside, to meet the needs of others!

CONCLUSION:

#3 You don't look for accolades or anything in return.

(EXPOUND) When you show compassion, you do things and you don't do it for show OR recognition

(NOTE: You do it because you love the LORD!)

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(EXPOUND) Compassion is given at no cost, even if it costs you something!