

*When you make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities."*

You see my friends, compassion is never defeated. Compassion, like faith, will bring victory. It comes from God and compassion never fails because God never fails. You see, God had compassion on all mankind by sending His Son to die on the cross for our sins. His Son, Jesus, stretched out His arms on that cruel cross calling all mankind to come to Him; to be free from this world of sin and dwell with Him in Heaven. Jesus is our perfect example of compassion for helping those around us who are going through hard times and

living in pain and living in sin. As Christians we should not forget that Jesus had compassion on us when we first heard the word and obeyed and were washed through baptism to be able to live in Heaven some day. Compassion goes a long way. We give compassion to those we come into contact with and we receive compassion from others. In other words, we reap what we sow. We may not reap our reward today in this world, but God never forgets the compassion we have had on those around us. Our reward in Heaven will be hearing "well done my faithful servant," when we receive our crown of life. Let us show compassion upon those who need it. God is good and merciful to all of us and most of all He has full compassion upon all of us.

*-Bill Davis*

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## Compassion

**Matthew 9:37** "But elderly person, do we when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd."

stop and help them to open a door or carry their items that they bought? Do we visit the sick and spend time with them in the hospital to lighten their load? When we see a brother or sister in the Lord do we spend time with them, do we pray for them, do we offer to help carry their burden with them, or just give them a hug to let them know we care for them? The greatest example of compassion is found in the Bible and we all know who that person is...it is Jesus himself. The meaning of the word "compassion" according to Vine's Dictionary is "to suffer with another, to

have mercy and to show kindness, to feel from the heart or inward parts." In **Mark 1:41** Jesus had compassion on a man who had leprosy, for the man came to Jesus and begged him on his knees to make him clean. **Mark 1:40-42:** "*Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.*" You see, compassion to Jesus was more than mere words. Jesus showed compassion with action. Jesus was never selfish and never held resentments or ill-feelings towards those He had to deal with. As Christians today, can we truly say that about those we come into contact with? As Christians, we must give to those around us with a pure motive. We must care for others and give to them without expecting anything in return. Jesus did it. Can you or I do that? Remember we call ourselves Christians, which means "Christ-like". It's something to think about.

Compassion also means to have understanding or to feel the pain that those around us are feeling. **Matthew 9:36:** "*He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary.*" Jesus understood the suffering that came with the lonely and the bereaved and walked in the same shoes as the less fortunate. Jesus with His eyes saw through their eyes the suffering, the loneliness and the sickness. He felt their pain. He was moved with compassion through understanding of what mankind was going through. As Christians today, we should have this understanding as well. As Christians we should empathize with the hurting and the pain of others. When we have compassion we are able to love with understanding as Jesus did with those He came into contact with as seen in **Matthew 14:14:** "*And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.*" Compassion is also being undaunted from fear or not being afraid of what others may say or think. A good example is found in **Luke 10:25-37.** This example of compassion is about the good Samaritan who took a Jew who had been beaten, robbed and left

for dead. A Jewish priest passed by and did another. A Levite passed by on the other side of the road so as not to dirty his hands and did nothing. A Samaritan, who at the time was considered lower than a dog by the Jewish people, came and had compassion on the poor man. The Samaritan took care of the poor man and even paid for the medical and lodging expenses out of his own pocket. This good Samaritan became involved in helping this less fortunate man. He didn't run away or look the other way. He had the courage to come forward, to roll up his sleeves, and help with the job that needed to be done. You see, compassion doesn't have to falter or give in to fear or failure. Compassion means to stand on your own two feet and lend a helping hand as Jesus did to those who were less fortunate. As Christians today are we not commanded to have compassion on those in the church and those around us? Let us look to **I Peter 3:8-10:** "*Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a*

*blessing.*"

The best example of compassion in the Bible is seen in the gospels when Jesus died for all mankind on that cruel cross for the sins of the whole world. Yes, Jesus died for the whole world. He, who had no sin, took our sins and made them his sins so that we who believe and accept Him as the Son of God through baptism would have ever-lasting life with Jesus and God and all those who are saved and have gone on before us to be in Heaven. **Isaiah 53:7-11** says it the best regarding the compassion that God had on us through His Son dying for all mankind: "*He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of my people He was stricken. And they made His grave with the wicked - but with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief.*